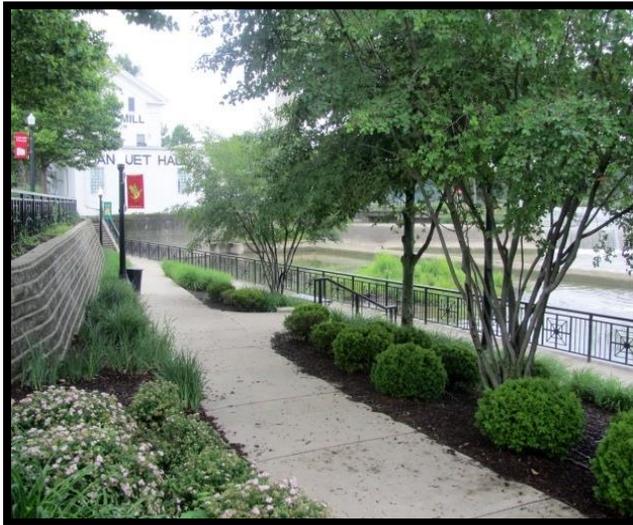


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Introduction

The Village of Dundee 2014-2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan articulates a vision for parks and recreation in Dundee. The plan is intended to guide the Village Council in its future decision making regarding park planning and management.

WHAT THIS PLAN CONTAINS

This Master Plan follows the format suggested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* (2006). The Plan begins with a brief overview as well as a **Description of the Planning Process**. It then presents a **Community Description** summarizing information on the population and physical characteristics of Dundee. The **Administrative Structure** of the Village is next described, including information on budget and relationships with other organizations. A **Recreation Inventory**, which follows, describes the existing parks and recreational facilities found in the Village, as well as nearby state and county facilities. The **Needs Assessment and Public Participation** section provides a description of the input received from Village officials, staff, community stakeholders, and the residents of the Village of Dundee. That data was used to help formulate the plan's **Goals and Objectives**. The **Action Program** provides a plan, schedule, and strategies for implementation. Finally, the resolution and notices documenting the plan's approval and adoption by the Village Council are included in the **Supporting Documents**.

PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The most recent recreation plan for the Village of Dundee was written in 2009. The purpose of the current Master Plan is to guide recreation planning and development efforts of the Village of Dundee over the next five years (2014-2018). The plan meets state standards for community recreation planning which are necessary to gain eligibility for grant programs.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

The process used to generate the Plan consists of three phases: background studies, evaluation, and plan development.

1. **Background Studies.** This phase involved gathering and updating data from existing documents, plans, and field observations. The data is organized into two main categories: community description and recreation inventory.
2. **Evaluation.** The second phase in the planning process involved an evaluation and analysis of the data to determine recreation facility needs. A community survey was administered and multiple public meetings were conducted where members of the public were encouraged to suggest improvements to the Village park system. Input from the Parks and Recreation Committee and Village officials was also sought.
3. **Plan Development.** Finally, the last phase in the process involved plan development and adoption. Based on needs identified in the previous phase and through the survey, goals and objectives were formulated and a specific action plan and facility improvement schedule

developed. Strategies to implement the plan are also discussed.

The following diagram illustrates how the planning process corresponds to the MDNR suggested format described earlier.

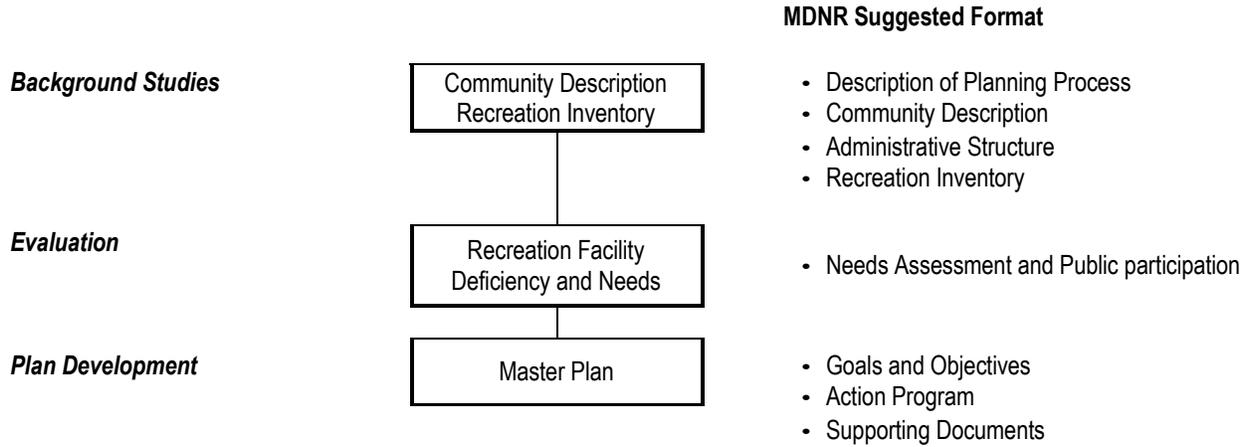


Table 1 identifies the variety and extent to which input was used in the planning process. Public meetings were conducted with community stakeholders, Parks and Recreation Committee members, local officials, staff, and residents to encourage public participation and shape a recreation plan that responds to current needs. The Plan was available for public review and a public hearing was held prior to the Village Council adoption on 12/3/13.

Table 1. Input Participation

	Community Description & Recreation Inventory	Community Survey	Public Input	Goal Formulation	Action Program	Public Hearing	Plan Adoption
Village Council			✓			✓	✓
Parks & Recreation Committee	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Village Staff	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Village Residents		✓	✓			✓	

Community Description

The Village of Dundee is located in the northwest area of Monroe County about fifteen (15) miles west of the City of Monroe in Southeast Michigan. Known for its location at the intersection of M-50 and US-23 as the *Hub of the Highways*, Dundee is located approximately seventeen (17) miles north of the Ohio border and seventeen (17) miles south of Ann Arbor. Dundee has seen tremendous growth since 1990 due in part, or to the addition of Cabela's, a major outdoor retail outfitter, which draws shoppers from across the region and the nation. The establishment of Cabela's and Dundee's Chrysler Engine Plant has resulted in the development of many new businesses, restaurants, and hotels.



Figure 1. Location Map (Monroe County)

The Village of Dundee includes a historic downtown, older neighborhoods, new residential developments, successful industrial and research parks, a new high school, and new streets and infrastructures. The Village also incorporates older, renovated parks and newer public spaces along the River Raisin, which connect community facilities to the downtown.



Downtown Dundee

In planning for the future recreation needs of the Village, it is essential to understand the community being planned for, both the community of people to be served and the recreation resources that the community has to offer. The first part of the Master Plan provides an overview of demographics and recreation resources with the goal of understanding the unique features and opportunities the Village of Dundee offers.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Dundee has experienced a tremendous increase in population since its inception in 1824. Until the mid-1900s, it remained a small settlement centered on a sawmill and an agricultural economy when the Dundee Cement Company was established north of the Village.

As Figure 2 shows, the current population boom experienced by Dundee occurred between 1990 and 2000. Projections by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) show that this trend will continue in the future. The increase in population was matched with increases in both households and housing units between 2000 and 2010, and since 2010 (Table 2). SEMCOG forecast shows a continuation of both population and housing unit growth, while household size will decrease. Decreasing household sizes reflect changes in the mix of household types and changing trends in the age of the population.

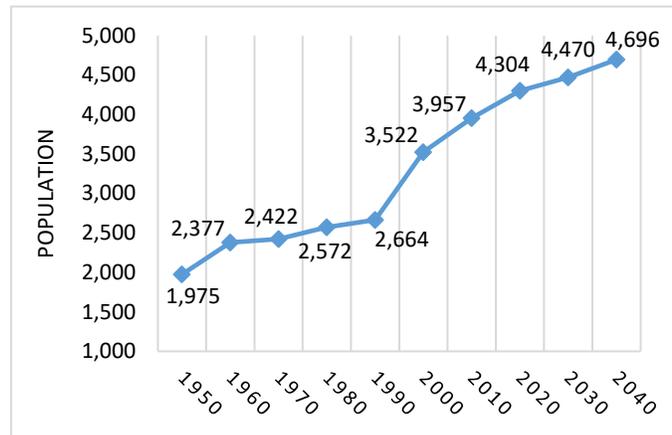


Figure 2. Population Growth 1950 – 2040

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 and SEMCOG 2040

Table 2. Population, Household and Housing Units

	Census 2000	Census 2010	Dec 2012 (SEMCOG)	2040 Forecast
Population	3,522	3,957	4,064	4,696
Households	1,389	1,539	1,577	2,021
Housing Units	1,477	1,742	1745	n.a.
Household Size	2.53	2.55	2.56	2.31

n.a.: not available.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 and SEMCOG 2040 Forecast

As noted in Table 3, children (under age 18) make up just under a third of the total population in the Village of Dundee, while the number of people 65 years and over is eleven percent (11%). In between 2000 and 2010, age characteristics in Dundee indicate a decrease in those aged 18-24, and an increase in residents over the age of 50. This trend is representative of the growing elderly population in the Village of Dundee.

Table 3. Population Age

	Census 2000		Census 2010		% Change
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	
Under 5	317	9.0%	311	7.9%	- 1.1%
Age 5-17	700	19.9%	756	19.1%	- 0.8%
Age 18-24	385	10.9%	315	8.0%	- 2.9%
Age 25-49	1,334	37.9%	1467	37.1%	- 0.8%
Age 50-64	425	12.1%	666	16.8%	+ 4.7%
Age 65+	361	10.2%	442	11.2%	+ 1.0%
Total	3,522	100.0%	3,957	100.0%	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 and 2010

According to the 2000* Census, about eighteen percent (18%) of the Village population over five (5) years old has some form of physical disability. Table 4 illustrates the distribution of physical disabilities by age group. The special needs of these people as well as the large number of young families and children will need to be considered when planning for parks and recreation facilities.

Table 4. Population with Physical Disabilities

	Number and Percentage per Age Group	
Population 5 to 15 years		
Population Sample	534	
Population With a Physical Disability	61	11%
Population 16 to 64 years		
Population Sample	2,278	
Population With a Physical Disability	345	15%
Population 65 years and over		
Population Sample	341	
Population With a Physical Disability	174	51%
Population 5 years and over		
Population Sample	3,153	
Population With a Physical Disability	580	18%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

*There is no disability data in the 2010 Census. The American Community Survey (ACS) has replaced the decennial long-form as the source for small area statistics.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

As shown in Table 5, household income within the Village has declined between 2000 and 2010. The median household income has decreased by \$9,132, and the number of households in poverty has increased from seven percent (7%) to nine percent (9%). The number of persons in poverty also increased from roughly nine percent (8.8%) to over nine percent (9.4%) of the population. During the same period, Monroe County saw decreases in income along with increases in poverty.

Table 5. Income

	Village of Dundee Census 2000	Monroe County Census 2000	Village of Dundee Census 2010	Monroe County Census 2010
Median Household Income (in 2010 dollars)	\$54,400	\$67,724	\$45,268	\$55,366
Per Capita Income (in 2010 dollars)	\$24,069	\$29,394	\$22,964	\$25,520
Households in Poverty	90 (6.5%)	3,935 (7%)	138 (9%)	5,375 (9.2%)
Persons in Poverty	310 (8.8%)	10,161 (7%)	370 (9.4%)	13,552 (9.0%)

Source: SEMCOG and U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010

According to the Office of Labor Market Information, the January 2013 unemployment rate for the Monroe County area was 8.9 percent compared to 6.4 percent in April 2008 and 6.8 percent for the State of Michigan in April 2008.

Table 6 provides the employment industries in the Village of Dundee and the changes in these sectors over the last decade. The largest employment sector in the Village is retail trade followed by the manufacturing and service sectors.

Table 6. Employment by Industrial Class

	2000 Census	2010 Census	Change
Agriculture, Mining, and Natural Resources	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Manufacturing	373	488	+115
Transportation, Communication, and Utility	20	n.a.	n.a.
Wholesale Trade	202	n.a.	n.a.
Retail Trade	491	942	+451
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	64	87	+23
Services	334	693	+359
Public Administration	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total Employment	1,515	2,488	+948

n.a.: not available

Source: SEMCOG

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Like much of Michigan's southern Lower Peninsula, the landscape of the Dundee area was formed through glacial action. The glacier's movement shaped the topography and created the different types of soils. The glacial geology of the area has resulted in topography that ranges from nearly level to gently rolling with the exception of the River Raisin corridor and land along Stowell Road, which are flanked by steep slopes in several areas. Fertile agricultural soils are found across much of the outlying township. Land elevations range from a height of 650 feet along the river to a height of 670 feet in the northern and eastern segments of the Village. The soils of the region are generally silt loams and clay loams that are well suited for agricultural use, but often present challenges for development due to wetness and poor drainage.

Woodland areas can be observed on Figure 3 along the entire edge of the River Raisin within the Village and extending into Dundee Township. Many of the larger woodland areas are located in the Township along the River Raisin and other drains. They provide protective buffers for the waterways and protect the watershed from siltation and soil erosion damage caused by storm water runoff. The woodland areas also serve as a valuable wildlife corridor.

Surface waters in the Village of Dundee consist of the River Raisin and the Hunt-Stowell Drain located in the southern portion of the Village. The presence of these waterways in conjunction with their location and elevation determines the type and extent of floodplain within the community. A wetland area, approximately two acres in size, is located in the southeast quadrant of the Village, to the east of Oak Street and south of M-50. In addition, wetlands occur in association with the river at various locations.

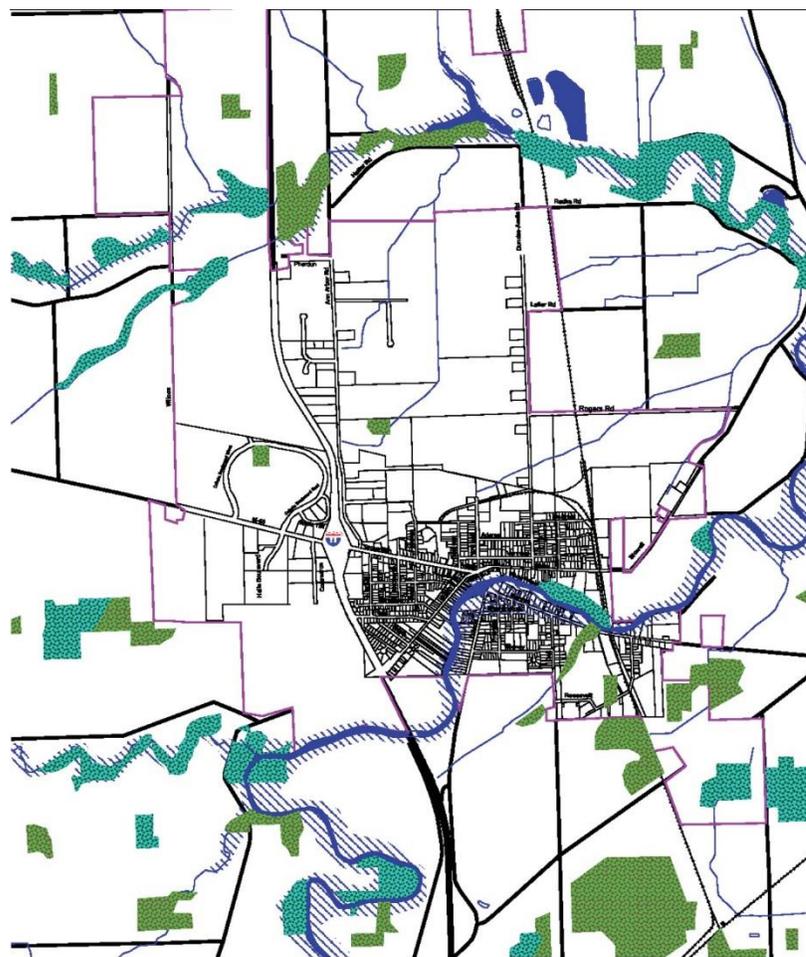
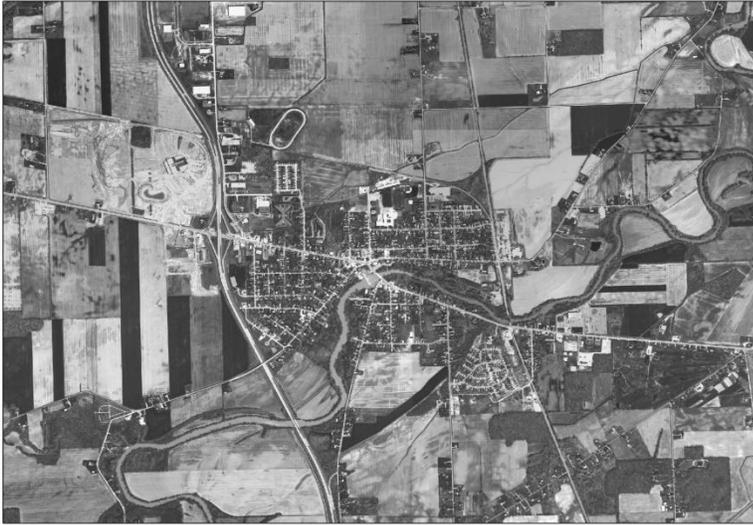


Figure 3. Natural Features
Source: Village of Dundee Master Plan, 2002

Woodlands
Forested Wetlands
Floodplain
Streams

While the soil's poor drainage and wetness present challenges for the development of recreation facilities, the River Raisin provides great opportunities for outdoor recreation, particularly fishing and canoeing.



2000



2007



2010

Figure 4. Development of Dundee 2000-2010
Source: Monroe County Planning Department, Village of Dundee

LAND USE PATTERNS AND DEVELOPMENT TRENDS

Since 1990, Dundee’s aggressive economic development strategy has resulted in the development of an Industrial and Research Park that has attracted international attention, the establishment of Cabela’s, and many other new businesses. Planned development also included the revitalization of the river and downtown areas, streetscapes, parks, the expansion of the Village municipal boundaries, and the development of many new residential neighborhoods. Figure 4 illustrates the development Dundee has experienced since 1990. The Village of Dundee has more than doubled its municipal limits since the mid-1990s.

Figure 5, on the following page, illustrates the 2001 Village land use. The historically designated downtown, located at the center of the Village, includes many older two and three- story buildings and a small number of newer buildings. The local business district is surrounded by mature stable neighborhoods with sidewalks and tree lined streets. Other business areas include the industrial development on the northern segment of the Village and the commercial development located along M-50 in proximity to US-23. This development pattern differs from the downtown because of larger lot sizes, individual parking lots, and newer buildings. A larger commercial area including Cabela’s, restaurants and retail stores is located on the west side of US-23.

Despite the general slowdown in residential construction in the southeast Michigan region since 2000, the Village of Dundee has continued to see some growth. As shown in Table 7, the number of housing units has increased slightly since 2000, with additional growth occurring in the past two years.

Table 7. Housing Units

Housing Type	Census 2000	Census 2010	Change 2000-2010	New Units Permitted 2010-2013
Single Family Detached	822	849	27	19
Duplex	35	137	102	
Townhouse / Attached Condo	23	30	7	
Multi-Unit Apartment	371	390	19	144
Mobile Home / Manufactured Housing	225	165	-60	
Other	0	0	0	
Total Housing Units	1,476	1,571	95	163
Units Demolished				-12
Total Net Housing Units				151

Source: SEMCOG

This growth will continue to place increased demands on the area and the Village resources including schools, parks and recreation, roads, utilities, and other services available in the Village.

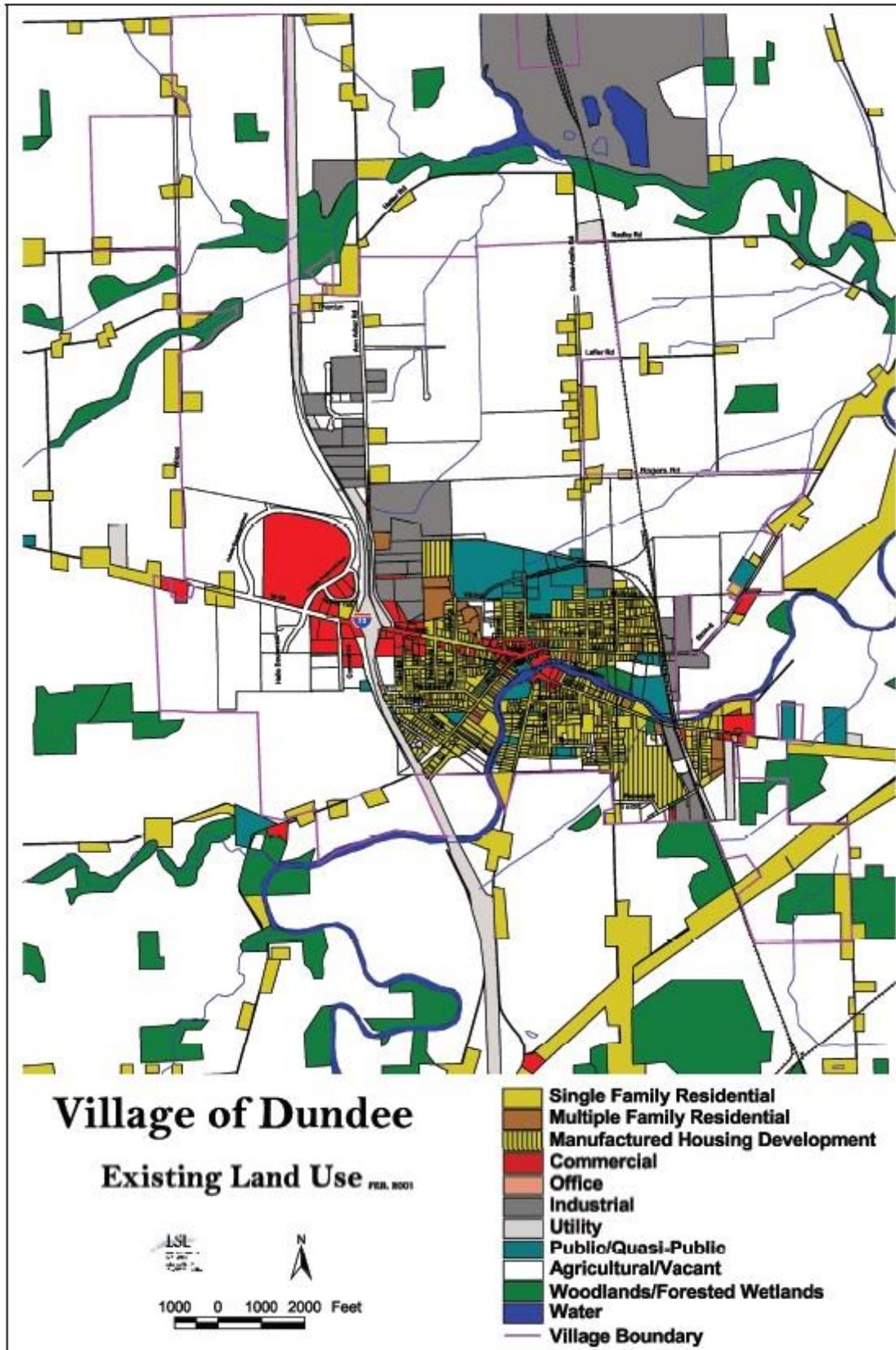


Figure 5. 2002 Existing Land Use
 Source: Village of Dundee Master Plan, 2002

PLANNING INITIATIVES

While change is inevitable and growth in both population and housing will occur, the Village of Dundee is committed to managing that growth to enhance economic benefit, recreational activities, and overall quality of life for Village residents.

Various local and regional planning efforts having relevance to the current plan have taken place in the Village of Dundee. They include:

- Master Plan for the Village of Dundee (presently being updated);
- Efforts led by the Downtown Development Authority;
- Efforts led by the Old Mill Museum Association;
- Regional Trail and Greenways Vision for Monroe County; and
- Monroe County Five-Year Recreation Plan.

Village of Dundee Master Plan

Adopted in 2002, and presently being updated, the Village Master Plan forms the foundation for future planning decisions in the Village. The plan includes several goals and strategies that relate to parks and open spaces in the Village. They include the following recommendations:

- Pursue opportunities to provide neighborhood parks such as requiring future residential developments to provide parkland or open space for residents;
- Encourage a walkable scale of new residential development that maintains a maximum distance from recreation, civic or shopping opportunities of one quarter mile;
- Require pathway connections along M-50 between sites and safe pedestrian access to building entrances;
- Continue developing and enhancing public spaces within the downtown including the central downtown park and riverfront;
- Provide for civic and community activities within the public spaces of the downtown;
- Maintain the pedestrian as the priority by continuing to provide safe crosswalks and wide sidewalks;
- Continue to provide and expand a comprehensive, multi-modal pathway system throughout the community that promotes walkability as well as accessibility; and
- Continue to improve the park and recreation system of the community.

Dundee Downtown Development Authority

In Dundee, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) District incorporates commercial properties along both sides of Tecumseh St., Main Street, Riley Street, Park Place, and Monroe Street. The Downtown Development Authority provides the legal mechanism for local officials to address the need for economic development in the business district. Originally adopted in 1987, the DDA Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan was amended in June of 1992, and again in October of 2006.

Old Mill Museum Association

Dundee's Old Mill, the most prominent historic landmark in the Village, was restored during the 1980's by a group of volunteers known as the Old Mill Restoration Committee. The building, owned by the Village of Dundee, houses a museum and a community center. The museum includes permanent and changing exhibits on fashion, furniture, farm life, Native Americans, and the legacy of Henry Ford. The Old Mill, now part of the Ford Heritage Trails, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990. The Old Mill Museum Association has been very successful in attracting successful programs to the museum such as the Smithsonian exhibit in 2008.

Regional Trails and Greenways Initiative for Monroe County

This planning initiative was led by the Greenways Initiative of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan during a five-year period that began in 2001. It is a comprehensive planning effort aimed at expanding and enhancing the natural landscape of the southeast Michigan region. The effort resulted in the formulation and refinement of a regional vision of linked trails and greenways to connect the communities of southeastern Michigan through the creation of a connected green infrastructure, including biking and hiking paths, conservation corridors, and habitats. The plan for Monroe County and the Dundee area is described and illustrated in a later section of this report, under Recreation Inventory.

Monroe County Parks & Recreation Master Plan

The 2013-2017 Monroe County Recreation Plan update outlined goals, objectives, and an action program that have relevance to the current plan. Of particular interest to Dundee are the proposed actions related to open space and natural area preservation, the River Raisin, and West County Park, located near the Village. They include the following:

- Improve existing county parks: continue development of West County Park with canoe/kayak launch, trail improvements, scenic view development and winter recreation.
- Encourage use of county parks: organize guided tours of parks and natural areas, expand website, and develop maps and guides.
- Encourage use of River Raisin: develop River Raisin & Lake Erie canoe and kayak guide with maps, information, routes, etc.
- Acquire additional county park facilities: acquire access sites on Lake Erie, River Raisin, or other waterways, acquire woodlands, wetlands, and other natural areas for preservation, encourage preservation of open space and natural areas; and develop a system of recreational trails / bike paths / multi-use trails.
- Improve cooperation and representation with other recreation providers: facilitate and support organized sports leagues in county parks for activities such as soccer, softball, disk golf, etc.

Administrative Structure

The Village of Dundee is chartered as a General Law Village and is governed by an elected Village President and Council. The Village President and Council appoint a Village Manager who is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Village.

The Village President and Council also appoint the Planning Commission and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). They have the authority to appoint members to the Recreation Board, as described under local ordinance No. 5-72.

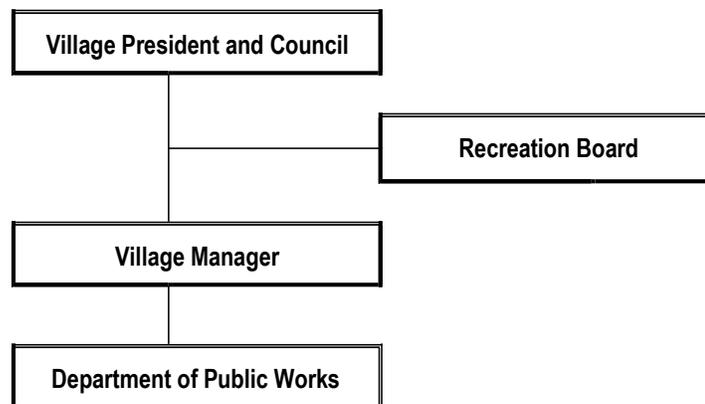
Dundee's local ordinance calls for a Recreation Board composed of nine members who are residents and serve four-year terms. Their responsibilities include:

- Operate a system of public recreation and playgrounds;
- Acquire, equip, and maintain buildings or other recreation facilities;
- Prepare an estimate of the funds needed for support and maintenance of recreation areas;
- Submit an annual budget to the governing body;
- Make and adopt by-laws and rules and regulations for the use of recreation facilities; and
- Supervise, care, and serve as custodian of the grounds and buildings.

ADMINISTRATION

There is no Parks and Recreation Department or staff designated to parks and recreation services in Dundee. The Dundee Parks & Recreation Board handles provides guidance to Village staff and the manager as needed. The Village Manager currently manages the administration of parks under the Village Council oversight.

As shown on the organizational chart below, while parks are administered and operated by the Village Council, maintenance is the responsibility of the Department of Public Works (DPW).



FUNDING AND BUDGET

Funding for parks and recreation is appropriated from the Village general fund. Funding for parks and recreation in Dundee is also allocated as part of the DDA and DPW funds.

Major expenditures for equipment replacement and capital improvements are funded through the Village's capital improvements fund and not part of the parks and recreation budget shown in Table 8. The Old Mill, Ford Park, and Wolverine Park are located in the DDA district. Improvement of these facilities is included in the DDA Development Plan and annual operating budget.

Additional funds are designated for street tree planting and maintenance. Additional revenues also come from program revenue (soccer, fitness classes), gifts, sponsorships, and donations.

Table 8. Park and Recreation Budget Summary

	2012	2013	2014
Revenues			
Interest on Investment	26	20	10
Program Revenue	495	1,000	2,600
Miscellaneous Revenue (Soccer)	3,410	3,500	5,000
Contribution from General Fund	4,000	14,000	14,500
Total Revenues	12,931	18,850	22,110
Expenditures			
Audit Fees	800	800	800
Contractual	2,552	4,000	10,000
Park Maintenance	355	1,000	1,200
Programs	5,930	7,000	2,600
Programs/Soccer	3,947	3,500	5,000
Utilities	2,138	2,000	2,000
Building Maintenance	-	250	250
Sanitation	-	50	50
Miscellaneous Expense	180	250	200
Total Expenditures	15,902	18,850	22,100

Source: Village of Dundee Annual Budget, 2012 - 2014

VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Volunteers, service clubs, community groups, government agencies, and private businesses play an active role in supporting parks and recreation in the Village of Dundee.

Dundee Community Schools include a number of sports fields and recreation facilities that are used by the schools' athletic programs. The Dundee Recreation Ball League (DRBL) runs baseball/softball programs and uses the fields at Rod Park.

Service clubs and community groups also play a significant role in providing volunteer labor and financial support for park and recreational facilities and programs. They include:

- Civic and other organizations: Village of Dundee DDA
Village of Dundee LDFA
Village of Dundee EDC
Dundee Area Business Association
Old Mill Museum Association
- Recreational organizations: Dundee Recreation Ball League (DRBL)
- Local service clubs: Dundee Area Rotary
Dundee Senior Citizens
Dundee Athletic Boosters
Dundee Band Boosters
Dundee Library
Dundee Recreation Commission
Dundee Youth Services Organization
Dundee Veterans Memorial Corporation
- Fraternal organizations: American Legion Post #72
- Scouting Groups: Boy Scouts of America #511
Cub Scouts of America #511
Girl Scouts of America
- Recreation Use Groups: Monroe County Cycling
Sportsman Club and Auxiliary

Recreation Inventory

The residents of the Village of Dundee have a variety of recreational resources at the local level as well as at the regional, county, and state levels. There are also public schools as well as privately owned facilities. This section describes these recreational facilities. The information was derived from a variety of sources including the previous recreation plans and a field survey of the parks conducted in the summer of 2013.

VILLAGE OF DUNDEE PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Village of Dundee currently operates 6 parks totaling about 13 acres of land that include 3 community parks with a variety of active facilities such as sport fields and three neighborhood or mini-parks, with landscape area, picnic facilities, and some play equipment. The community parks include Wolverine Park, Waterworks Park, and Reggie's Park. The neighborhood or mini-parks include Memorial Park, Ford Park, and West Side Park.

The Village of Dundee also owns and maintains more than 20 acres of land which includes the Village Hall, Department of Public Works building, the wastewater and water treatment facilities, and vacant open spaces around the Village.



Riverwalk by Old Mill and Wolverine Park



Village Hall Property

Figure 6 illustrates the location of Village parks as well as all other park and community facilities near the Village. It also shows the Village pathways. Over the last two decades, Dundee has made a concerted effort to develop a community-wide pathway system. This effort has been recognized with Promoting Active Communities (PAC) 2005, 2007 and 2009 awards received from the State for Michigan. Created by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports, and others, the PAC assessment is a web-based self-assessment tool that enables communities to examine their policies, programs, and built environments (www.mihealthtools.org/communities) and to make changes to encourage community residents to be physically active. The Village's 2005 award was level 4, the 2007 award level was silver, and the 2009 award level was gold.

Wolverine Park

Wolverine Park is a community park located in the center of the Village along the River Raisin. The park includes about 3.2 acres of land and has been renovated in the mid-1990s. It is the site of the Historic Old Ford Mill and Museum and includes the following additional facilities:

- 98-space parking lot;
- Dundee Community Center, with banquet hall and kitchen facilities;
- Two picnic shelters;
- Play structure, swing set and toddler play structure;
- A paved area where a tennis court previously existed (stage for the annual Mayfly Festival);
- Portable toilets (summer only);
- Picnic tables, grills, benches, and trash receptacles;
- Walkways and landscaping; and
- Three universally accessible picnic tables



Wolverine Park

Waterworks Park

Waterworks Park is a 1.5-acre property located on 3 lots at the northeast corner of Ypsilanti and Van Nest Streets. The removal of the old Village water tower and the demolition of a structure on one of the lots has led to several improvements in the park, which includes the following facilities:

- Fenced in play area;
- Play structure and swing set;
- Two basketball courts with four hoops;
- Portable toilets (summer only); and
- Picnic tables, drinking fountain and landscaping.



Waterworks Park

Reggie's Park

Located in the west part of town, this park was established in the early 2000s and comprises 7 acres of land. Facilities include:

- 80-space parking lot;
- Storage and concession stand building
- Three soccer fields;
- Portable toilets (summer only); and
- Bleachers, benches and trash receptacle.



Reggie's Park

Memorial Park

Memorial Park is the historic triangular shape Village town square comprising 0.2 acre of land. Facilities include:

- Memorial bandstand;
- Historic marker, flagpole, and cannon; and
- Walkways, benches, and landscaping.



Memorial Park

Ford Park (East and West)

Located along the River Raisin, this park was established as part of the streetscape improvement and downtown renovation project of the mid-1990s. The park extends on both sides of the River and M-50 and is comprised of approximately 1 acre of land. Facilities include:

- Three small picnic shelters with picnic tables;
- Fishing access to river, canoe/boat launch;
- Riverwalk connecting the two parks;
- Walkways, picnic tables, benches, and landscaping.



Ford Park West



Ford Park East

West Side Park

This neighborhood park contains 0.3 acres of land and is located on the west part of the Village at the west end of Plank Street at Carney Drive. Facilities include:

- Picnic shelter with picnic tables;
- Play structure and swing set; and
- Trash receptacle and grill.



West Side Park

Farmer's Market Lot

This municipal parking lot is located west of the Village's Downtown, next to Devine Delights Ice Cream. There is a Farmer's Market held at this location every Saturday from 8am-1pm and every Wednesday from 4pm-7pm. Facilities include:

- Pavilion with picnic tables;
- Parking Lot



Farmer's Market Lot

SUBDIVISION PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

In addition to the Village parks, open spaces have been set aside in residential subdivisions around the Village. These areas are designed to serve people living within walking distance and generally lack parking or restroom facilities.

Arbor Chase Subdivision

Located in the north part of the Village, Arbor Chase Subdivision includes a roundabout of 0.63 acre, a central park of 1.75 acres, and an open space of 4.53 acres (not including the adjacent retention pond). The central park includes a picnic shelter, picnic tables, and a play structure. The subdivisions future phases include several other parks and open spaces.



Arbor Chase Open Spaces

SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, AND OTHER FACILITIES

In addition to the Village and the subdivision parks and open spaces, there are school, church, and private facilities offering recreation opportunities to the residents of the Village of Dundee. These facilities are shown on Figure 6 and are briefly described as follows.

Public School Facilities

The Dundee Community Schools complex includes the High School, Middle School and Elementary School located on Viking Drive and Adams Street just north of the downtown. The school complex contains about 52 acres of land with the following recreational facilities:

- One softball field;
- One baseball field;
- One football field with track;
- Primary track;
- Practice fields;
- Playground areas; and
- Indoor pools, gymnasiums, and weight room.



Dundee Schools

Dundee Area Churches

Of the churches located within the Dundee area, eight have permanent buildings, and of those a few incorporate recreation facilities such as playgrounds/structures, picnic areas, ball fields, pavilions, and open grass areas.



Dundee United Methodist Church

Rod Park

The Dundee Recreation Commission, a non-profit organization, owns, and maintains the 19.1-acre property located immediately east of the Village boundaries. The park includes a wooded area and the following facilities:

- Large gravel parking lot;
- Six ball fields;
- Two tennis courts;
- One basketball court;
- Playground; and
- Picnic shelter, concession, and community rooms.



Rod Park

RECREATION PROGRAMS

A variety of recreation programs and community events are sponsored by the different civic and community groups. They include:

Event

- German Festival
- Mayor Exchange Day
- Mayfly Festival
- Memorial Day Parade
- 4th of July Celebration
- Downtown Halloween Bash
- Christmas Parade
- Old Mill Craft Fair & Brunch
- Candle Light Home Tour / Supper
- Dundee Ball League
- Emergency Service Day
- 5K & Fun Run
- Music & Movie in the Park

Sponsor

- Old Mill Museum Association
- Dundee Village Council
- Dundee Area Business Association.
- Dundee Veterans Memorial Corp.
- Dundee Village Council
- Dundee Area Business Association
- Village of Dundee
- Old Mill Museum Association
- Old Mill Museum Association
- Dundee Recreation Commission
- Dundee School District
- Dundee Area Business Association
- Dundee Parks & Recreation



Memorial and 4th of July Parades, Mayfly Festival, and Halloween Contest

Source: The Dundee Independent

PRIVATE RECREATION FACILITIES

A number of private recreation facilities can be found in the Dundee area. Some of the popular private facilities located in and around Dundee are listed in this section and illustrated on Figure 7. Presently, these areas are owned and maintained by the subdivisions in which they are located.

Dundee Ridge Subdivision

Located on the eastern part of the Village, this subdivision incorporates a 9.2-acre park including the subdivision detention area. Future phases of this subdivision are also planned to have other parks and open spaces. The park includes the following facilities:

- Two basketball courts with four hoops;
- One tennis court;
- One volleyball court;
- Play structure; and
- Walkways.



Dundee Ridge Park

River Ridge Subdivision

Located on the southwest part of the Village along the River Raisin, this subdivision incorporates an open space area that is located along the River. The passive 7.67-acre site includes a paved circular walking path and scenic river views.



River Ridge Open Space

Stonebrook Subdivision

Located in the southwest part of the Village, this passive subdivision open space includes 6.85 acres of land with a picnic shelter, walkway, and a retention pond.



Stonebrook Open Space

Cabela's

Cabela's Dundee, Michigan Retail Store is located west of U.S. Highway 23. In addition to the building itself, there is approximately 69 acres of land with numerous walkways, a pond with fishing access, and a wildlife refuge.



Cabela's

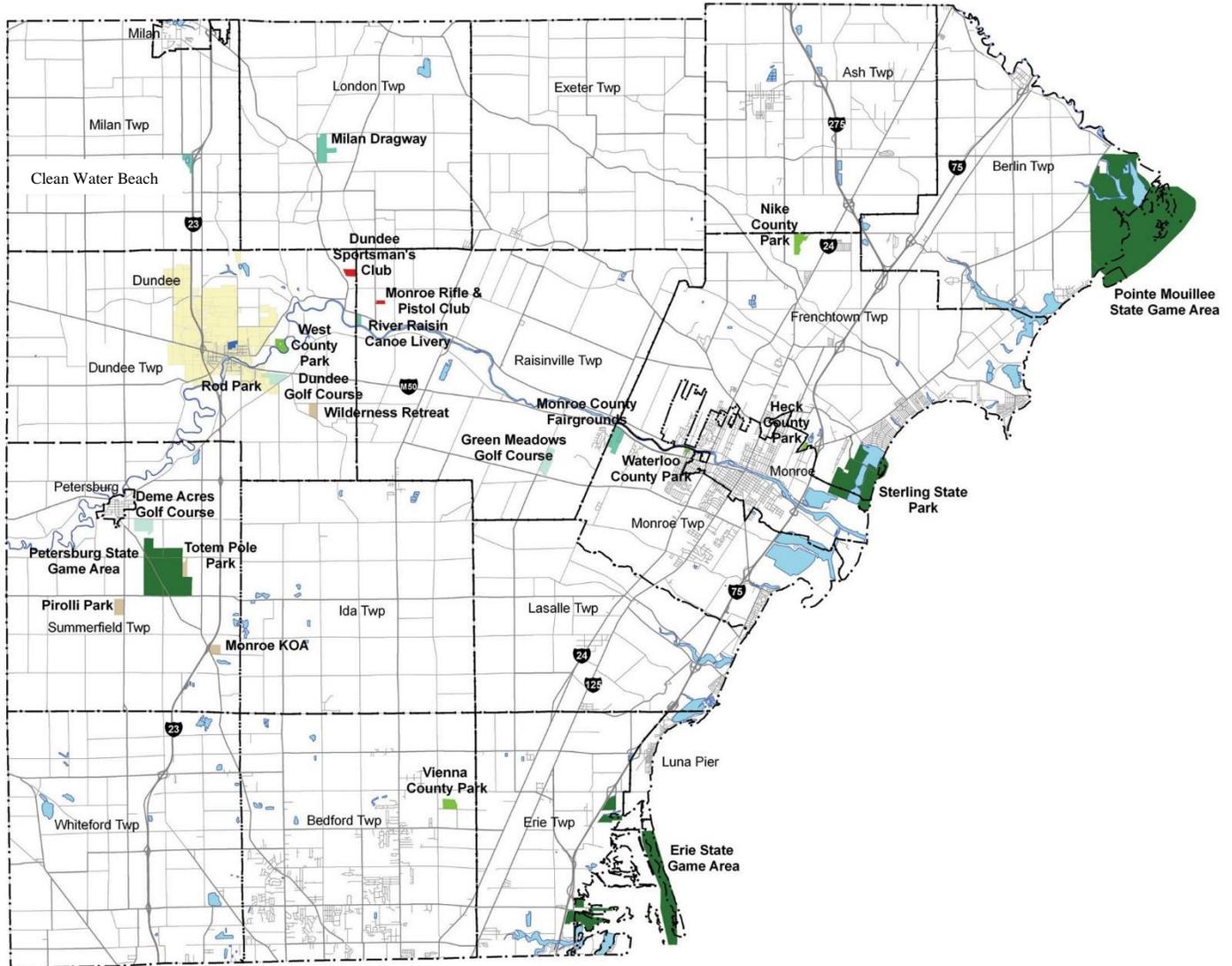
Additional Private Facilities

- Covered Wagon Camp Resort, a 19-acre campground in Whiteford Township;
- Deme Acres, a 160-acre 18-hole golf course located in Summerfield Township;
- Dundee Golf Club, a 70-acre 9-hole golf course located east of the Village limits;
- Dundee Pheasant Farm and Dog Training Preserve, including over 900 acres of land with tower hunts, grass hunts, and dog training in Dundee Township;
- Dundee Sportsman's Club, a 48-acre property including a shooting range in Dundee Township;
- Farmer J's Corn Maze, a 15-acre property with mazes in Dundee Township;
- Clean Water Beach, a 53-acre old quarry in Milan Township with a pond for swimming;
- KC Campground, a 20-acre campground on Sherman Road in London Township;
- London Sportsmen Rod and Gun Club, a 20-acre property in London Township;
- Milan Dragway, a 136-acre property located on Plank Road in London Township;
- Monroe County KOA, a 42-acre campground located in Summerfield Township on US-23 with swimming facilities;
- Monroe Rifle and Pistol Club, a 15-acre property located in Raisinville Township;
- Pirolli Park, a 69-acre campground in Summerfield Township;
- River Raisin Canoe Livery, a canoe, kayak, and paddleboat rental and launch site including 25 acres of land in Raisinville Township;
- Sexy Pheasant Hunting Preserve, a 40-acre property located Milan Township;
- Splash Universe Water Park, an indoor water park located in the Village of Dundee and including a zero entry pool, lazy river, water slides, and a family spa;
- Totem Pole Park, a 35-acre campground in Summerfield Township; and
- Wilderness Retreat, a 51-acre campground in Dundee Township.

REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES

In addition to the recreational facilities previously described, there are over 221 acres of parkland owned by Monroe County and 7,413 acres of state-owned recreational facilities. These facilities are considered regional recreational facilities and include Sterling State Park, state game areas, water access sites, and the state-owned rest areas. They are large facilities that provide opportunities such as camping, swimming, boating, fishing, hunting, hiking and golfing that are typically beyond the ability of a local municipality to provide. Figure 7 depicts the location of the regional parks and Table 9 lists some of their recreational activities. A description of the facilities closest to the Village are provided on the following pages.

Figure 7. Regional Public and Private Recreation Facilities around Dundee



Source: Monroe County Planning Department

Table 9. Regional Recreation Facilities

		Monroe County Parks					State Park and Game Areas			
		Heck Park 15 Ac.	Nike Park 80 Ac.	Vienna Park 57 Ac.	Waterloo Park 9 Ac.	West Park 60 Ac.	Sterling State Park 1,300 Ac.	Petersburg State Game area 935 Ac.	Pte. Mouille State Game Area 3,466 Ac.	Erie State Game Area 1,519 Ac.
Passive	Picnicking	•	•	•	•	•	•			
	Playground	•	•		•		•			
Trails	Paved Trail	•					•			
	Nature Trail					•	•			
	Hiking Trail	•			•	•	•			
	Cross-country skiing					•	•			
Water Activities	Swimming Beach						•			
	River Access				•					
	Boat Launch						•		•	•
	Shore Fishing						•		•	
	Dock Fishing				•		•			
	Canoe Landing				•		•			
Winter & Seasonal Activities	Ice Fishing						•			
	Sledding	•								
	Hunting							•	•	•
Interpretive Facilities	Nature Study Area						•			
	Memorial & Museum		•							
Court & Turf Games	Ballfield			•						
	Basketball	•								
	Soccer Fields		•	•						
	Exercise Court	•			•					
Misc.	Disk Golf Course	•		•						
	Model Aircraft Area		•							
	Dog Training Area		•					•		
Camping	Modern Campsite						•			
	Group Camping						•			

West County Park

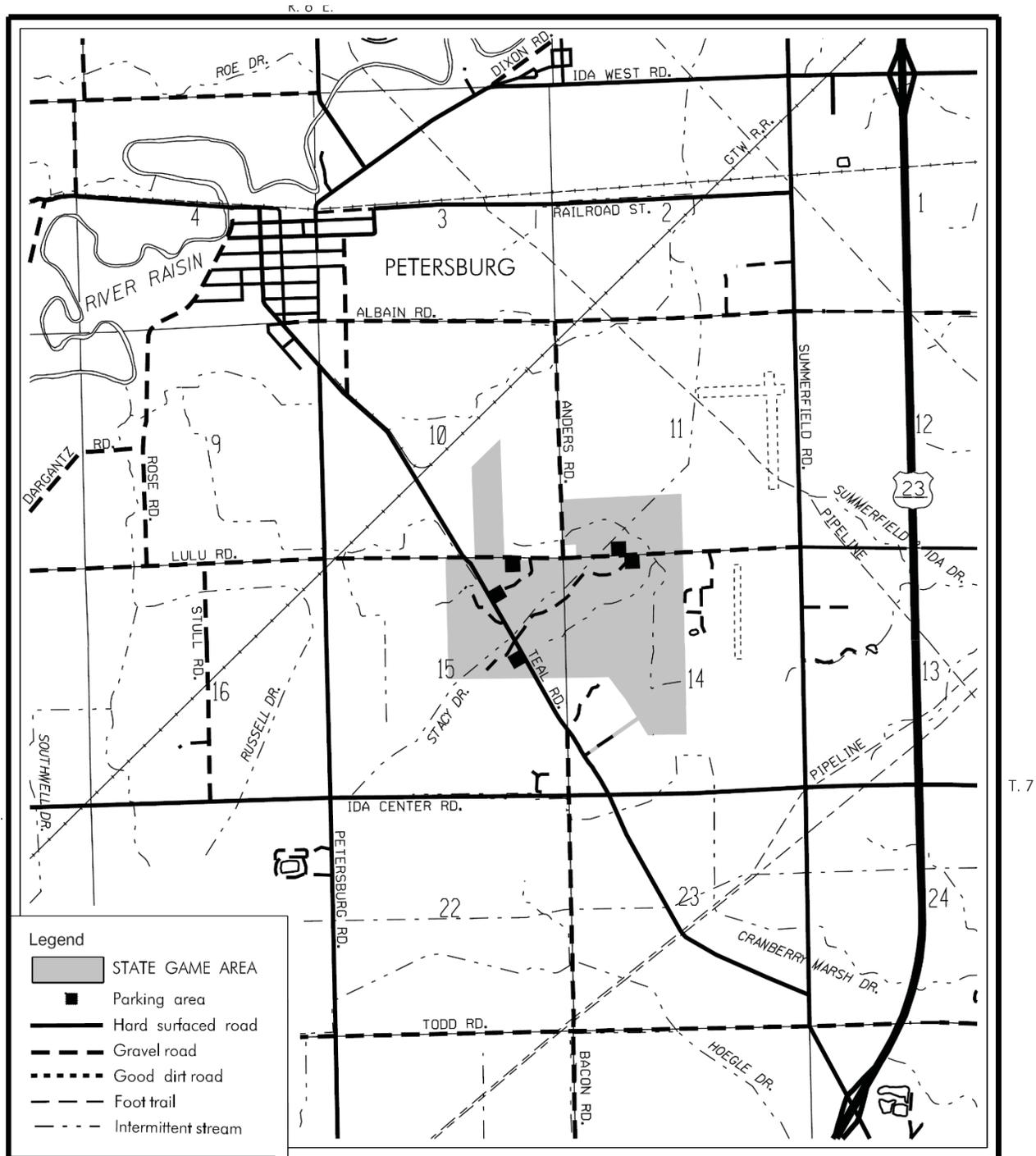
Located east of the Village of Dundee, West County Park includes 60 acres of parkland along the River Raisin with a parking lot, picnic shelter, restored natural areas, and hiking trails.



Source: Monroe County Planning Department

Petersburg State Game Area

Petersburg State Game Area is located south of Petersburg about five miles south of the Village of Dundee in Summerfield Township. This 935-acre area includes a prairie ecosystem for migratory and residential wildlife and provides recreational opportunities for hunting, trapping, fishing, and wildlife viewing.

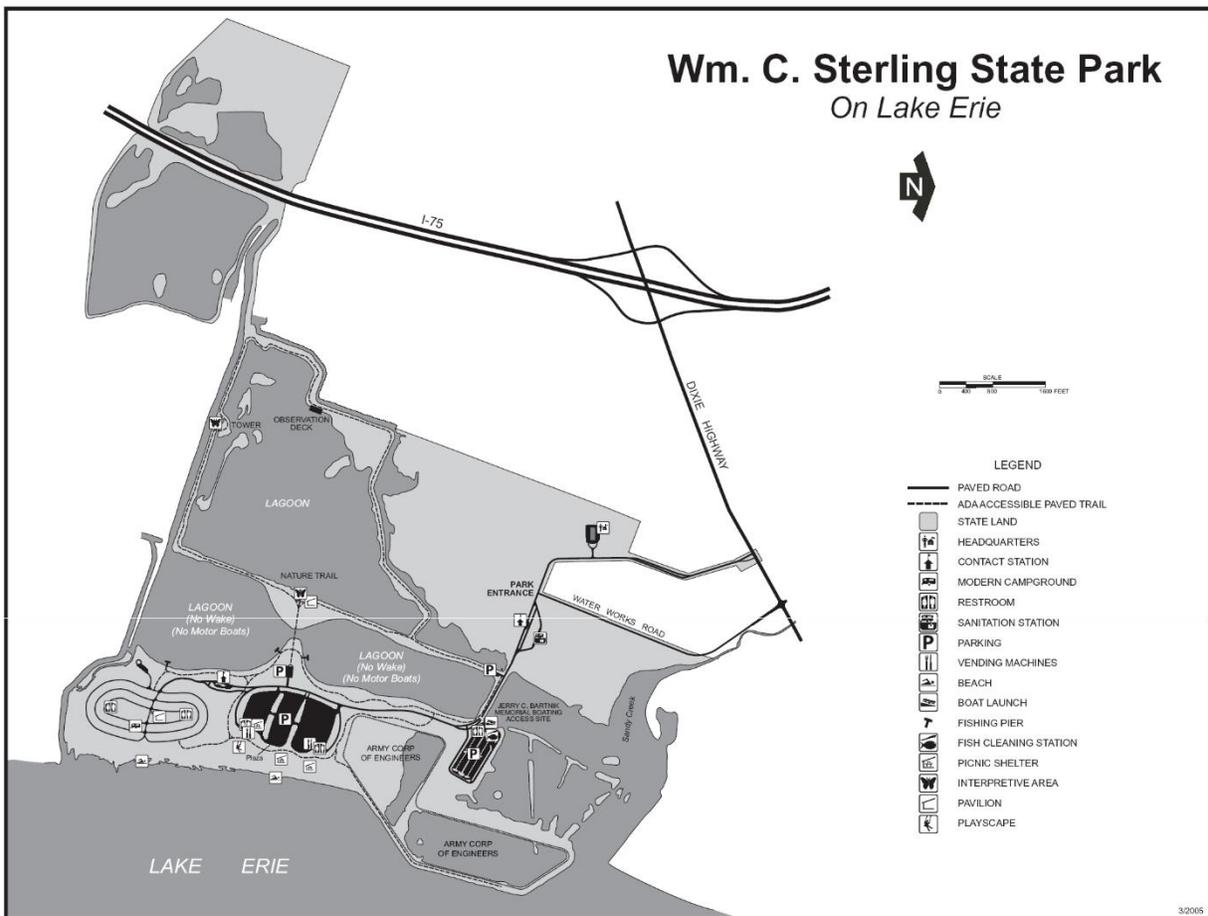


Petersburg State Game Area
Source: MDNR Website

Sterling State Park

The only state park on Lake Erie, Sterling State Park's 1,300 acres of parkland offers great recreational opportunities including over one mile of beach, boating, shore fishing on Lake Erie and the fishing lagoons, lakefront camping, wildlife viewing, and 6 miles of trails.

- Beach area with swimming;
- Playground;
- Picnic shelters and areas;
- Campgrounds including 288 modern campsites;
- Seven miles Hiking/biking trails;
- Metal detecting;
- Boat launch;
- Fishing;
- Canoe/kayak rental;
- Wildlife viewing; and
- Hunting.

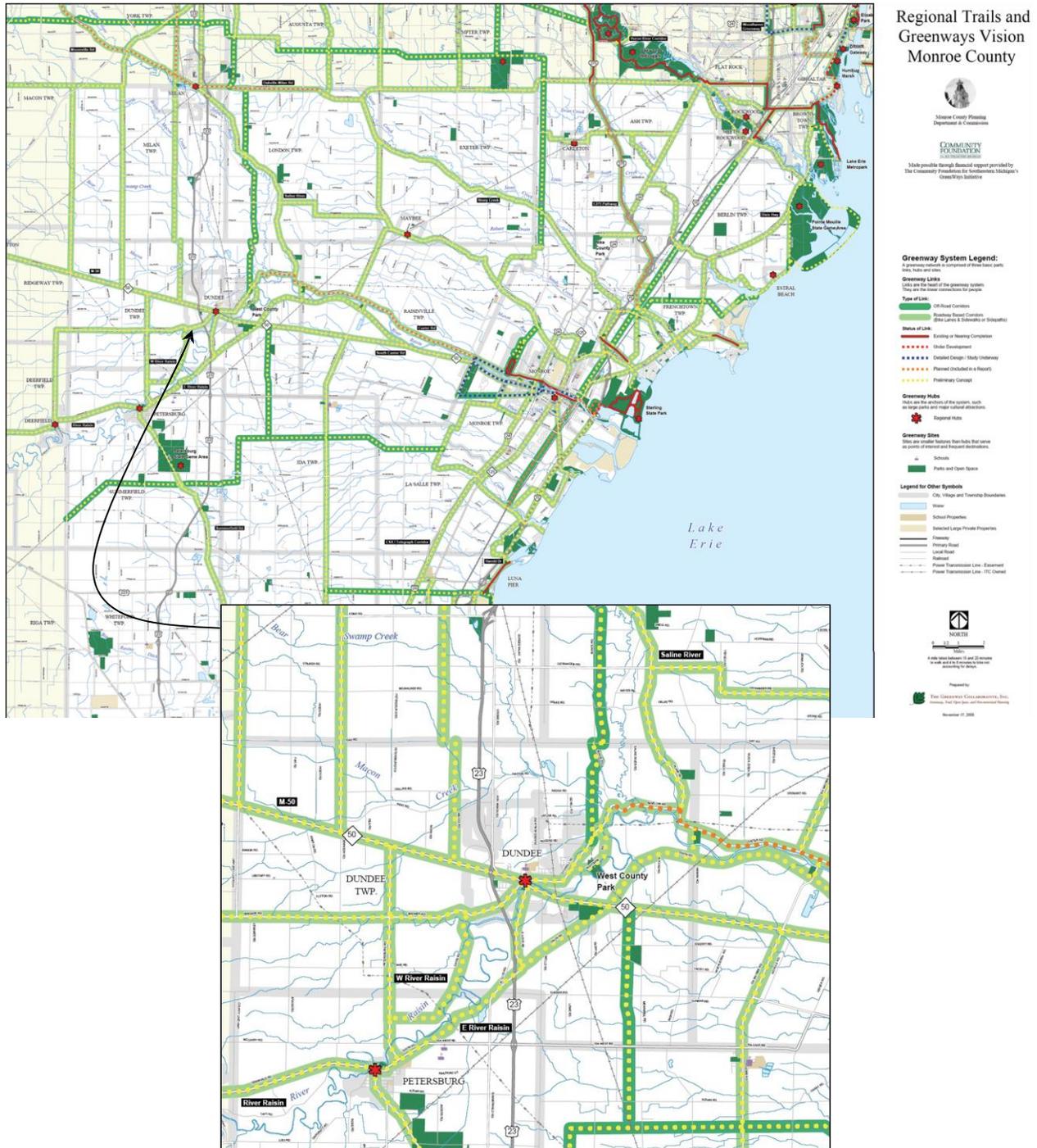


Sterling State Park
Source: MDNR Website

REGIONAL RECREATION TRAILS AND GREENWAYS VISION

The trails and greenways vision for Monroe County shows an interconnected green infrastructure including biking and hiking paths as well as conservation corridors and habitats. Figure 8 illustrates how the parks, nature reserves, cultural features, and historic sites are connected to each other. Wilcox Road, M-50, Dixon Road, Stowell Road, and East Lloyd Road are the major roadway based corridors envisioned to connect Dundee to other regional greenways points of interest and destinations.

Figure 8. Regional Trails and Greenways Vision



Source: Monroe County Planning Department

COMPARISON TO RECREATION STANDARDS

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) classifies parks by type and recommends an appropriate amount of parkland for a given population size. Although these guidelines are useful in pointing out deficiencies, a community’s recreation system should be tailored to meet their needs.

According to the NRPA, parks and open spaces are classified as mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks, and preserves. The mini, neighborhood and community parks are the *close-to-home* small parks of less than 15 acres, designed to satisfy the recreational needs of local communities within a service radius of up to 2 miles. All Village parks are considered *close-to-home* parks. According to NRPA standards, the amount of *close-to-home* parkland recommended is 6.25 to 10.5 acres for every 1,000 residents.

Regional parks and reserves are parks that serve a broader area (within 1 hour drive) than community parks and focus on meeting the recreation needs of the region as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. In Dundee, these facilities include the Monroe County Parks and the state-owned parks and recreation areas described in the preceding pages. The NRPA standard for regional parks is 15 to 20 acres of parkland per 1,000 people.

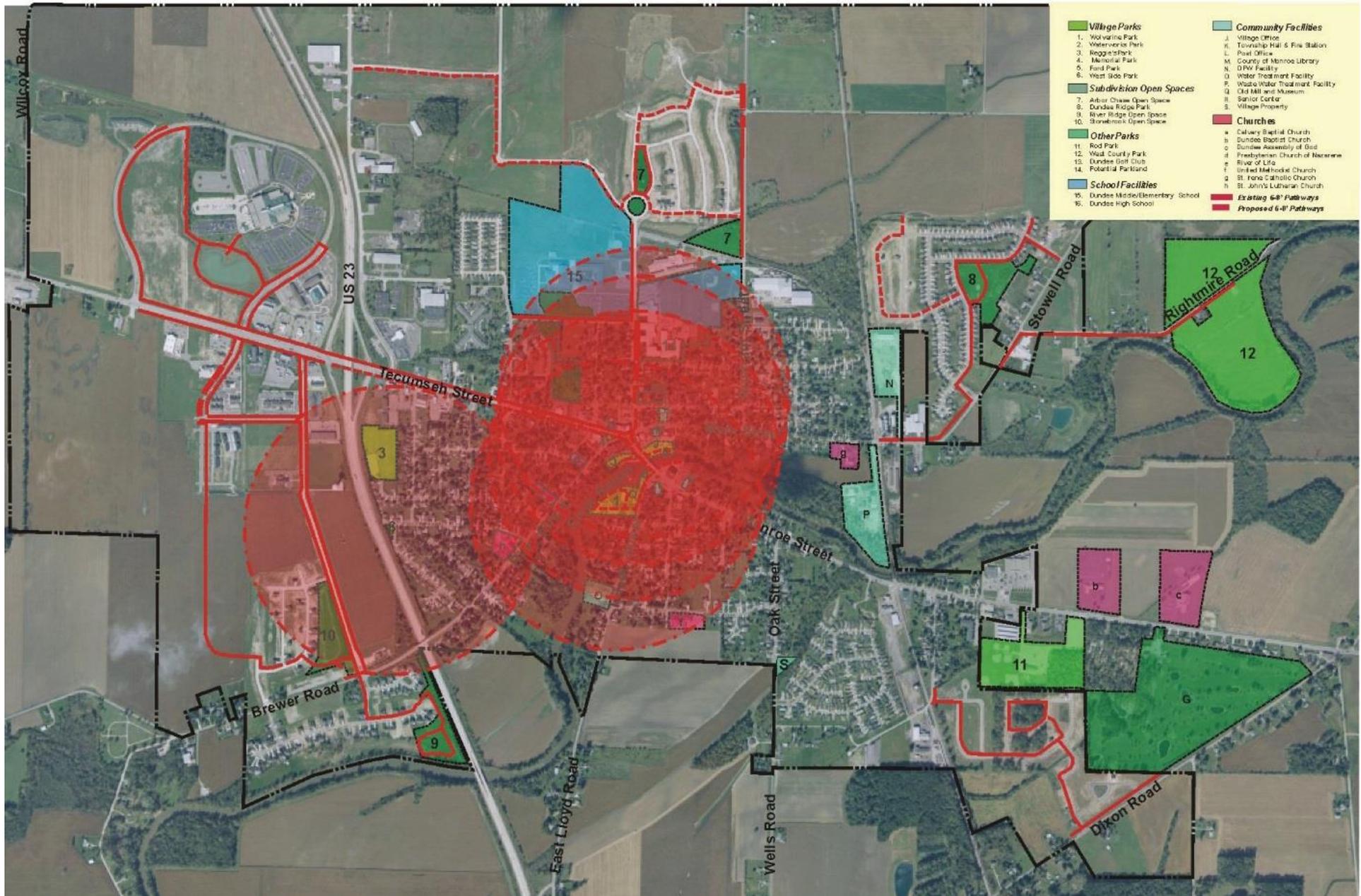
According to these standards, the existing Village owned parkland does not meet the acreage standards for total *close-to-home* parkland (Table 10). This deficiency is going to increase when considering the 2035-estimated population. However, the deficiency can be alleviated upon inclusion of the subdivision parks and open spaces. The inclusion of other parks and open spaces located around the Village (i.e., Rod Park, the schools, and regional park facilities) further alleviates the deficiency.

Table 10. Parkland Acreage Standards

	Close to Home Parks (6.25 – 10.5 ac. per 1,000 pop.)			Other Parks and Open Spaces	
	Village Parks	Subdivision Parks / Open Space	Rod Park (private)	Regional Parks (15 – 20 ac. per 1,000 pop.)	Schools (within Village)
Existing	12.9 ac.	30.63 ac	19.1 ac.	7,634 ac.	52 ac.
Required Based on 2008 pop. of 4,526	15.4 ac. deficiency (Village parks only) 15.2 ac. surplus (Village & sub. parks) 34.33 ac. surplus (all parks)			7,562.1 ac. surplus	
Required Based on 2035 pop. of 5,039	18.6 ac. deficiency (Village parks only) 12.0 ac. surplus (Village & sub. parks) 31.1 ac. surplus (all parks)			7,558.4 ac. surplus	

According to NRPA standards, neighborhood parks serve an area ¼ to ½ mile in radius because they are intended to be accessed by foot and not a vehicle. Figure 9 illustrates the area served by all Village parks that incorporates pedestrian access and amenities using an average of 1/3 mile service radius. This includes all Village parks with the exception of Reggie’s Park. Figure 10 illustrates the area served by all Village parks and all subdivision parks, including pedestrian amenities. The areas that appear underserved by neighborhood parks include the southeast part of the Village as well as portion of Village located north of the River Raisin and east of Dunham Street.

Figure 9. Service Area Map of Village Parks



ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing barrier-free access in order to accommodate the needs of all people, including those with disabilities. The ranking system suggested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment Guidelines (2012) was used to evaluate the parks. The ranking system ranges from 1-5 and is described as follows:

1. None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
2. Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
3. Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
4. The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5. The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

Each of the parks was evaluated using this ranking system. The specific elements considered include parking, paths of travel from parking to activity areas, activity areas themselves, support facilities such as restrooms, and surfacing. Table 11 provides the results of this assessment.

Table 11. Accessibility Assessment

Park	Rank	Comments
Wolverine Park	5	Was developed and/or renovated using ADA guidelines
Waterworks Park	3	No safety surface or accessible route to the play structure from the sidewalk
Reggie's Park	2	No accessible route from parking area to the soccer fields and bleachers
Memorial Park	3	Pavilion is not wheelchair accessible
Ford Park East	3	No accessible route to boat launch
Ford Park West	3	No handicap accessible picnic tables
West Side Park	2	No safety surface or accessible route to the play structure, swings and shelter from the sidewalk
Arbor Chase Park	2	No safety surface or accessible route to the play structure

Current and future park projects are designed to comply with or exceed accessibility guidelines and standards of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Current deficiencies regarding accessibility are mainly the result of older equipment or facilities which predates ADA standards. It is the intent of the Village of Dundee to retrofit these facilities with park upgrade and renovation projects.

STATUS REPORT FOR ALL GRANT-ASSISTED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

The Village of Dundee has received two grants through the Department of Natural Resources. The first was a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant for \$72,750 in 1992 for the development of a fishing pier at the Old Mill site (TF92-257). This project includes stabilization of the river bank and development of site access and a fishing pier along the River Raisin. The second grant was a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant for \$75,000 in 1999 for park improvements to include new playground equipment, pavilion shelter and pathway along the River Raisin in downtown Dundee.

Needs Assessment & Public Input

An essential task in the master planning process is to determine the needs of the community as a basis for an action program to improve the parks system. Needs provide the rationale for the formulation of goals and objectives and they identify areas for capital improvements. To assess needs, consideration was given to national recreation trends and input received from community stakeholders, public officials, staff, and residents of Dundee.

NATIONAL RECREATION TRENDS

Recreation trends on a national level and in Michigan provide insight into activities that show the greatest growth in popularity and may affect the future direction of parks and recreation. The National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) conducts national surveys that measure activities by level of participation and track changes from previous surveys. Table 11 lists the top five participatory activities in 2010.

Table 11. National Sports Participation, 2010

Activity	Participation
Exercise walking	95.8 million
Exercising with equipment	55.3 million
Swimming	51.9 million
Camping (vacation/overnight)	44.7 million
Bicycle Riding	39.8 million

Source: National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA)

Between 2000 and 2010, the fastest growing activities included:

- Target Shooting - Air gun (from 3 to 5.3 million);
- Hockey (ice) (from 1.9 to 3.3 million);
- Running/jogging (from 22.8 to 35.5 million);
- Hiking (from 24.3 to 37.7 million); and
- Workout at Club (from 24.1 to 36.3 million).

Activities that experienced the greatest decline in the same time period were:

- In-line Roller Skating (from 21.8 to 7.4 million);
- Scooter Riding (from 11.6 to 7.4 million);
- Fishing (from 49.3 to 33.8 million);
- Backpack/wilderness camp (from 15.4 to 11.1 million); and
- Billiards/pool (from 32.5 to 24 million).

The NSGA also projects sports participation on a state-by-state basis. According to 2008 NSGA data, Michigan residents are two times more likely to participate in boating, (motor/power) canoeing and volleyball than an average American. Michigan residents are also at least one-and-a-half times more likely than the national average to bowl and ride bicycles.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration have published a list of future trends compiled from different sources that will influence the direction of recreation planning and programming. These trends include an increase in:

- Environmentally sensitive lifestyles, natural areas management and water quality protection,
- Concerns for personal and family security, in the importance for wellness activities and a desire to preserve and maintain cultural heritage,
- Public costs, in the provision of leisure services through the public and private sectors and partnerships, a greater recognition of the economic value of parks, open space, and green infrastructure, and
- Senior citizens, fewer traditional family households, greater number of smaller households and an increase in cultural diversity of residents.

Monitoring recreation trends is important to determine how parks and recreation should evolve. Conclusions regarding the implication of these trends combined with the demographic and physical characteristics of Dundee can be summarized as follows:

1. As population increases, demand for recreation will likely increase;
2. Recreational facilities and programs should respond to the expected increase of seniors;
3. As land development increases, the need to preserve rural character and open space will likely increase;
4. There is and will continue to be a need for more linear parks along corridors to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian pathways for recreation and non-motorized transportation;
5. With the increased popularity of exercise walking and fitness related activities, there will continue to be an increased importance on recreation contributing to walkable, livable, and sustainable communities; and
6. Collaboration with other recreation providers in the area for the provision of parks and recreation programs and facilities will be critical to the future success of the parks and recreation in Dundee.

Public Input – Community Survey & Public Meetings

Community input was a very important part of the 2014-2018 Parks & Recreation Plan. In order to gain a thorough view of what citizens wanted the Village performed a community survey on Parks & Recreation during in the plan's development. Public notices were published in The Independent, a flyer was posted at various locations in the Village, and it was also posted on the various forms of social media the Village utilizes. The survey took place from July 1, 2013 – July 31, 2013. The Village also held a public input workshop on August 14th at the Parks & Recreation meeting. The survey received 100 responses and the Village received important feedback at the public input workshop as well.

Following a brief introduction, which included a description of the planning process and the expectations for the survey, respondents were asked to provide input on a number of issues related to park and pathway development, recreation programs, and parks and recreation in Dundee. Also part of the survey, respondents were asked to vote on their priority issues and comment on what they liked and didn't like about the Parks & Recreation in Dundee. Below is a summary of the responses. Below are the survey highlights that were presented to the Dundee Village Council.

Survey Highlights

Demographics:

- Roughly 73% of respondents have at least 1 child living at home under the age of 18.
- Roughly 63% of respondents were Village homeowners. 19% of respondents live in Dundee Township.
- 41% of respondents have lived in the Village of Dundee for the past 4-10 years.
- 45% of respondents are between 35-49 years of age. 35% of respondents are 25-34.

Question #1: From the following list of Village parks, please tell us how often you have used each park in the past year:

- Wolverine Park is our most frequently visited park with 91% of respondents stating that they have used the park in the past year.

However, most respondents stated they've "never" used Village parks. The list below identifies the percentage of residents who answered "never" when asked how often they've visited Village parks in the past year:

Percent (%) that has not visited Village parks in the past year:

- Arbor Chase **81%**
- Ford Park (East or West) **71%**
- Memorial Park **63%**
- Reggie's Park **42%**
- Waterworks Park **47%**
- West Side Park **71%**

Question #2: Please tell us how often you have participated in the following Village recreation programs in the past two years.

The Village's most popular recreation activity is soccer, with 14% of respondents stating they've participated in the program more than 10 times in the past 2 years. However, most respondents stated they have "never" participated in Village recreation programs.

Percent (%) that has not participated:

- Old Mill Fitness Programs **79%**
- Music in the Park **50%**
- Movie in the Park **73%**
- Snag (golf) **95%**
- Flag Football **86%**

Question #3: Please rate your satisfaction with Village parks on a scale of 1-5, where 1 means "very satisfied" and 5 means "very dissatisfied":

- 82% of respondents are satisfied or somewhat satisfied with Wolverine Park.
- 52% are satisfied or somewhat satisfied with Reggie's Park.
- 31% are satisfied or somewhat satisfied with Memorial Park.
- 8% are either dissatisfied or somewhat dissatisfied with West Side Park
- 8% are either dissatisfied or somewhat dissatisfied with Waterworks Park.

Question #4: Which of the following recreation facilities would you like to see more of in the Village of Dundee? Please mark FIVE in order of priority:

Responses were weighted then ranked:

1. Multipurpose Trails
2. Splash Pad
3. Dog Park
4. Fishing Pier (River Raisin)
5. Outdoor Ice Skating Rink

Question #5: Please check all the reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using Village parks or recreation programs.

- **54%** of respondents stated they do not use Village parks or recreation because they do not know what is offered. Other responses for not using our facilities include:
 - Lack of restrooms **34%**
 - I do not know locations of facilities **32%**
 - Desired program or facility not offered **32%**

Some respondents wrote-in their concerns under the "other" option. Responses include:

- *"I think many people might know that there is Music in the Park but don't know what days or what times. Same with Movie in the Park, not knowing where to go to get the information and is a HUGE reason many people I know do not participate. We NEED to get the WORD OUT!! :)"*
- *"Would like to go to Wolverine park, but there is no fencing for the smaller kids who may dart off."*
- *"Not enough programs/activities geared toward adults."*
- *"Tot Park does not have shade, the equipment is very hot, and not age appropriate for "tots" (too high, too many drop off areas, very unsafe for toddlers and preschoolers) - name should be changed or equipment added that is appropriate for smaller children."*
- *"Time of day programs are offered."*

Question #6: In your opinion, how important are the following for Village parks and recreation services?

The list below outlines the activities mentioned and the percentage of respondents who answered very important or important:

- Maintaining existing recreation programs **83%**
- Expanding recreation program offerings **86%**
- Maintaining and upgrading/renovating existing parks **87%**
- Developing more indoor recreation space **69%**
- Developing a village-wide system of pathways and trails for walking and biking **83%**
- Acquiring and/or developing new parks and open spaces **56%**
- Hiring part-time Parks & Recreation Director **51%**

Question #7: What do you like most about Village of Dundee parks and recreation?

- *“Kudos on the B-ball courts, there are kids there all the time!”*
- *“The additions they have brought to the parks.”*
- *“Offering programs to all ages”*
- *“The waterworks park is a wonderful upgrade.”*
- *“Central location of facilities, school support of programs/advertising of programs”*
- *“My favorites are the music and movies in the park activities.”*
- *“I like how the parks have been maintained and updated recently. I like the updates on Facebook, and “this survey asking for our input.”*
- *“There are a lot of options for young children”*
- *“Youth soccer program, costs are kept reasonable.”*
- *“Love the river access and appreciate the basketball courts—maintained very well, safe and well-lit.”*

Question #8: “What do you like least about Village of Dundee parks and recreation?”

- *“Too much soccer, not enough other sports.”*
- *“Lack of advertising. I have lived in Dundee most of my life and I don't know many of those parks by name....”*
- *“Not enough programs for children.”*
- *“Not many areas to walk.”*
- *“No central person in the office to contact.”*
- *“The soccer program ends at 6th grade.”*
- *“Our community would greatly benefit from a walking/bike trail....”*
- *“Limited selection of available programs.”*
- *“There are few neighborhood parks and accessible activities for the elderly or impaired.”*
- *“Nothing available in the form of water recreation.”*
- *“Some lack of organization.”*
- *“The lack of knowing what is offered..... A mailer with information would be great!”*
- *“There is plenty to do if you are 8 years old. Not much after that.”*
- *“No water fountains at Wolverine Park.”*
- *“Lack of variety of activities, lack of indoor activities.”*
- *“Not enough bicycle friendly attributes in Dundee.”*
- *“Lack of restrooms/port-a-johns are unclean... lack of parking at Arbor Chase Park and basketball courts.”*

Question #9: (Village Residents Only) would you support a dedicated millage of .25 mills to fund improvements to Dundee Village parks and recreation? Would cost owner of \$100,000 home \$25.00/year and raise \$40,000/year for Parks and Recreation. The current funding source is the General Fund and fees totaling \$22,100 in the current fiscal year.

- 88 people responded to question 9 regarding support of a Parks and Recreation millage. We wanted to differentiate between Village residents from non-Village residents, so we gave an option of “yes” “no” “undecided” and “I am not a resident of the Village of Dundee.”
 - “Yes” received 53 responses **(60%)**
 - “No” received 5 responses **(6%)**
 - “Undecided” received 16 responses **(18%)**
 - “I am not a Village resident” received 14 responses **(16%)**

Question #10: If you are a Village resident and do not support a dedicated millage, please tell us why:

- *“I do not want higher taxes.”*
- *“Use the money wisely that you already have access to.”*
- *“Dundee taxes are already too high. Make Cabela’s pay taxes!”*
- *“I would but it’s hard with no job so no money at all. Dundee needs more job openings.”*
- *“Our taxes are high enough. Plus the increase in water bills is pushing most residents to the brink now, not to mention the new fire hall tax that we have yet to see that built because they want to overdue that also.”*

Question #11: Please tell us how you were previously notified of recreation programs, and your preferred method of contact in the future:

The most preferred method of notification was through Facebook, with 59% of respondents stating they would like to receive notifications this way. Only 36% of respondents stated they currently receive recreation notifications through Facebook.

48% of respondents stated they would like to receive recreation notifications through emails. However, only 11% of respondents currently receive emails regarding recreation programs.

Question 12: Are there any recreation programs not currently offered by the Village that you would like to see?

- *“Adult exercise classes and more adult sports programs/leagues”*
- *“I would love to see some kind of swimming program offered.”*
- *“Bike paths”*
- *“Volleyball and disc golf”*
- *“Tennis”*
- *“Ice skating”*
- *“Summer concert series of local musicians or a community art show, or something that would add to the quality of life with cultural activities”*
- *“Carnivals, rock-a-thons for MDA or any other charity”*
- *“Dog park”*
- *“Baseball fields”*
- *“Winter indoor activities for socialization and exercise”*
- *“More things to do outside, trails, piers for fishing. A game room at the old mill would be nice.”*
- *“Splash Pad and/or community swimming pool”*
- *“I would like to see more options for girls in this city.”*

- *"I would like to see more classes and activities. Like art classes for children and adults, dance classes, music lessons, photography classes. I would also love if there was a low cost place to work out. More movies and activities in the park would be great too!"*
- *"I've been pondering an idea of having the village acquire (if it doesn't own it already) the parcel of land directly across from Dundee High School to create a hiking/nature trail. (It could be called "Viking Hiking Trail," or just simply Viking Trail," or even "Dundee Nature Park." I think it would not only be a wonderful addition to Dundee's variety of parks, but also would clean up one of Dundee's eyesores which visitors to our schools and school sporting events must view. Just think - Dundee's students could study the area's natural variety of trees, plants, insects and wildlife; it could be a wonderful exercise trail for the senior citizens from nearby senior homes."*

Question 18: Please use this space for additional comments you may have on Village of Dundee parks and recreation.

- *"Getting the word out about the programs being offered is crucial! I think that developing trails with outdoor exercise equipment is a great idea."*
- *"Nice job so far and would be even better if more was offered for older people vs kids."*
- *"A dedicated parks and rec. planner would be an asset. It is confusing to go into the village government building to register and pay for an activity but info is often lacking because the employees in that building are not affiliated with parks and rec."*
- *"I think the current parks trustees are doing a wonderful job."*
- *"Bring all recreation programs offered in town under one roof with a website and online registration. Expand into more areas of entertainment for all ages."*
- *"Properly maintain play equipment (Tot Lot often has broken plastic that poses a safety hazard), soccer fields are not properly maintained during soccer and flag football season (long grass and no field lines)."*
- *"I appreciate the work that the planning commission did regarding the Master Plan, but I still think that for the population of Dundee, there is not enough adequate park space."*
- *"West Side Park needs serious updating. We live on Strawberry St with the expressway in our backyard with no place for a swing set. We love to visit this park, but it's not very safe or entertaining for a 3 year old. The swings are great, but the play structure needs serious renovation."*
- *"I would love to see a multiuse trail in this area- one for biking, walking, running, etc. i.e. rails to trails type path. I would also like to see more hiking trails, through wooded areas. A river walking path would be nice."*
- *"The sidewalk trail was started and leads to nothing, need to add locations along the trail."*
- *"The west side of 23 needs to be included with the park system. With the new Apts. being built and all of the young families that have moved in over the past several years the parks system needs to expand... The Village voted down taking Stonebrook and River Ridge into the park system 5 or 6 yrs ago. It's time to include them."*
- *"Dundee is such a young community with lots of families. I love the movies and music in the park just wish it was more often. It is a great family activity."*

PUBLIC REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING

Following the community survey and public input workshop, the Parks and Recreation Committee considered the input received, they reviewed the recreation trends, deficiencies, and other background information, and then drafted the master plan goals and objectives along with an action program for implementation.

A draft plan was then prepared and made available for public review beginning on Thursday September 19, 2013. Copies were placed at the Village Hall, the Old Mill Museum, the Village website, and the library. A notice of the plan's availability for public review was published in The Dundee Independent Newspaper and posted at the Village Hall and on the Village website.

Following the month-long review, the plan was approved by the Parks and Recreation Committee and forwarded to regional and county planning agencies and to Village Council for adoption. The public input into the plan culminated in an advertised public hearing held by the Village Council on Monday December 3, 2013. After the hearing, the Village Council adopted the plan. Copies of notices, resolutions, minutes of the public hearing, and letters of transmittal can be found in the appendices of this document.

The parks and recreation issues considered by the Parks and Recreation Committee are summarized into the following five (5) central themes:

1. Upgrade and maintenance of existing parks;
2. Improvement of park facilities;
3. Improvement of a community-wide pathway system;
4. Parkland dedication, acquisition, and development; and
5. Maintain and develop new recreation partnerships while improving funding and administration.

These issues served to formulate the goals and objectives of the Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Goals & Objectives

The Parks and Recreation goals and objectives are broad enough to encompass the needs expressed from residents, Parks and Recreation Committee members, Village officials, and staff, as well as address the observed deficiencies in the park and recreation resources of the area. They also consider demographics, current and anticipated growth and development, the area's physical resources, and the general recreation trends.

GOALS

The Village of Dundee should provide recreational opportunities for persons of all ages and all abilities that are clean, safe, and attractive, and meet the highest standards.

The Village of Dundee should consider the future needs of the community and take actions to dedicate parkland in order to meet the future recreational needs of the community.

The Village of Dundee should continue to consider the provision of neighborhood parks, the establishment of a community-wide pathway network, and access to recreation along the River Raisin corridor.

OBJECTIVES

1. Maintain and upgrade existing Village parks

There is a need to ensure that existing park facilities and equipment are safe and well maintained. This would include removing accessibility barriers, upgrading aging equipment, and providing safety surfaces around play equipment.

2. Improve Village park facilities

There is a desire to continue developing new park facilities that respond to the changing needs of residents. This would include development, redevelopment, and improvement of all Dundee's parks and park equipment. The Parks & Recreation Board will use the survey results to review potential opportunities to improve the Village park system with the improvements that citizens have identified as a priority.

3. Promote and continue to establish a community-wide pathway system

The community-wide pathway system is a great asset to the Village and its continued development is recognized as a priority for the community. The continuous system of pathways is envisioned to connect the downtown area, River Raisin, neighborhoods, community facilities, parks, and schools. Improvement would include development of missing links or segments, additional trees and landscaping, provision of pedestrian amenities such as bike racks, benches, and development of a way finding and interpretive signage system.

4. Dedicate, acquire and develop new parkland

The Village of Dundee is characterized by stable neighborhoods, active downtown, unique historic features, and by the River Raisin. Parkland dedication and acquisition should focus on providing neighborhood parks in underserved and new neighborhoods, and on preserving open spaces associated with the River Raisin and the remaining woodlands. Coordination between the Village Council and Planning Commission is necessary to continue to preserve open space and dedicate parkland in new developments. Additional

parkland should also be sought in underserved areas of the Village to provide needed neighborhood parks including playground and picnic areas.

5. *Maintain and develop new recreation partnerships while improving funding and administration*

Improved coordination between Dundee Community Schools, civic groups, business organizations, recreation organizations, and other area recreation providers would yield more effective recreation services that would maximize the community recreational resources. The re-establishment of a Village Recreation Board could play a role in the coordination of such services by focusing on increasing public awareness on the community parks and recreation, meeting community recreational needs, and gathering support for park and pathway development. The Board could also coordinate programs and conduct fund raising for park development by seeking grants, sponsorships, and donations.

Action Plan

The action program details the manner in which the goals and objectives will be met. It includes a list of specific projects, as well as a capital improvement schedule with suggested capital improvement projects including a sequence and strategies for implementation.

The following outlines a list of specific projects and actions meeting the goals and objectives of the previous section that are recommended to be accomplished during the next planning period.

❖ ***Maintain and upgrade existing parks***

This action includes replacing old equipment that are in a state of disrepair, are outdated, or are dangerous as well as improving the appearance of the parks and properties through appropriate landscaping and maintenance. All efforts will be made to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and remove all existing barriers to universal access. Proposed projects include:

- Maintain safety surfaces under and around play structures to appropriate depth and fall zones;
- Consider all potential lighting and utility needs at Village parks;
- Develop accessible routes at Village parks;
- Continue shaded tree plantings and low maintenance landscaping at parks, open spaces, and along pathways; and
- Develop consistent use of park elements including picnic shelters, restroom facilities, benches, bike racks, light fixtures, information kiosks, signs and play equipment

Justification: The suggested improvements are based on observations of the parks and on input received at the public meetings.



Need for Safety Surfaces under Playground Equipment

Improvements for Wolverine Park

Wolverine Park is Dundee's main park because of its central location and proximity to the community center, and the Old Ford Mill. The improvements below are based on input received from the public. Proposed improvements to Wolverine Park include:

- Provide walkway loop around entire perimeter of park.
- Develop a pedestrian bridge to downtown across the River Raisin;
- Develop fishing areas along the river and/or bridge;
- Provide/construct permanent restroom facilities (possibly attach to community center).
- Rehabilitate the paved area into a lighted multi-purpose area for a tennis court, ice skating rink, or other potential uses and the continued use of a stage area for large community events.
- Increase programming of family-oriented community events such as seasonal festivals.
- Improve safety through railing/fencing improvements near play structures or river

Improvements for Waterworks Park

This 1 ½ acre park is located between the schools and the downtown allowing this park to focus on meeting the needs of the youth ranging from young kids to teenagers. This park is also adjacent to the Boy Scout building. The improvements listed below are based on observations of the parks and input received from the public. Proposed improvements to Waterworks Park include:

- Remove the existing play structure and replace with a new play structure
- Provide a picnic shelter
- Develop restroom facilities
- Add walking pathways throughout park
- Add parking area

Improvements for Reggie's Park

Located in the west part of town, this park was established in the early 2000's and is 7 acres in size. The improvements listed below are based on observations of the parks and input received from the public. Proposed improvements to Reggie's Park include:

- Develop a fitness/exercise trail and pathway along the perimeter of the park
- Study park use and layout to increase land optimization

Improvements for Westside Park

This neighborhood park contains .3 acres of land is located at the west end of Plank Street & Carney Drive. The improvements listed below are based on observations of the parks and input received from the public. Proposed improvements to Westside Park include:

- Replace existing wooden structure with new structure
- Create pathway to increase accessibility to structure

Improvements for Memorial Park

Memorial Park is located in the historic downtown triangle with a total of .2 acres of land. Various organizations hold a number of ceremonies and events at the bandstand in Memorial Park. The improvements listed below are based on observations of the parks and input received from the public. Proposed improvements to Memorial Park include:

- Add Picnic Tables

Improvements for Ford Park (East & West)

These parks sit on opposite sides of M-50 located in the downtown district with access to the River Raisin. These parks are a total of 1 acres in size. The improvements listed below are based on observations of the parks and input received from the public. Proposed improvements to Ford Park (East & West) include:

- Potential pedestrian bridge connected to Wolverine Park (Ford West)

Improvements for Arbor Chase Park

Located in the north part of the Village in a subdivision there is a total of 4.53 acres and a central park of 1.75 acres. The improvements listed below are based on observations of the parks and input received from the public. Proposed improvements to Arbor Chase Park include:

- Create pathway to increase accessibility to play structure

Promote and continue to develop a continuous pathway system

There is a strong need for the continued development of pathways connecting the parks to form a continuous park system tying community facilities, schools, neighborhoods, the River Raisin, the downtown, and regional recreation facilities. The suggested improvements are based on observations of the pathways and on input received at the public meetings and through the survey. In addition, they respond to the national recreation trends as well as environmental and economic trends identified in the previous section. Proposed improvements include:

- Develop a village pathway plan which would identify priority segments for development, establish an implementation program, and identify funding strategies;
- Continue to work with Planning Commission and Village Council in the review of development proposals to ensure pathways are built in conjunction with new developments;
- Install site amenities including benches, trash receptacles, bike racks, mile markers, and interpretive and directional signs along pathways;
- Establish a marketing strategy for the pathway system to attract support and sponsors including the development of a pathway brochure and a walking club.

❖ *Dedicate, acquire and develop future parkland*

Land acquisition to preserve open spaces and for developing new neighborhood parks in underserved areas of the Village has been identified as a priority of the community.

This could be accomplished on vacant or unbuildable lots. Desirable open spaces and neighborhood parks would focus on passive recreation uses such as playgrounds,

walkways, and picnic areas and on natural features providing habitat preservation and nature related activities in association with the River Raisin. Community parks may also be needed in the future. These types of parks would focus on active recreation uses such as sports fields, game courts, and other active recreation uses. The survey indicated a desire to have a new park built on the west-side of US-23 where there has been considerable residential growth with no nearby parks. The survey also indicated that citizens would like to see a Splash Pad and a Dog Park added to the Village Park inventory.

It is important to continue to work with the Village Council and the Planning Commission to ensure parkland needs are considered in the review of new developments and to encourage or develop regulations for developers to set aside land for park facilities. Existing private subdivision parks and open spaces should be considered for dedication to the Village for passive neighborhood parks. Parks and open spaces should also be developed using the architectural design guidelines for park elements including picnic shelters, benches, signs, and play equipment.

Justification: The suggested improvements are based on observations of Dundee parks and on input received at the public meetings. This action also responds to trends related to the demographic and physical characteristics of the area.

❖ ***Maintain and Develop New Recreation Partnerships while improving funding and administration***

The shared use of the area's parks and recreation facilities with the various recreation providers should be coordinated to avoid duplication of services and benefit the entire community. The suggested improvements are based on observations of the area and on input received at the public meetings. The proposed actions also respond to general trends identified in the previous section.

- Coordinate the shared use of facilities with Dundee Community Schools, Dundee Township, Downtown Area Business Association (DABA), Monroe County, area churches, Downtown Development Authority, Old Mill Association, Senior Center, the Rotary Club, the business community, and private recreation groups;
- Develop recreation programming for all ages and family-oriented community events such as seasonal festivals;
- Continue a "music in the park" and "movie in the park" series at Memorial Park, Wolverine Park, and other venues;
- Continue the use of indoor space to provide fitness facilities for recreation programs and group functions such as the Dundee Community Center, Village Hall, Dundee Schools, or other locations; and
- Provide programs focusing on recreational opportunities desired by citizens of Dundee.

❖ ***Administration and Funding***

A means of generating operational costs and increasing revenues where possible must become a priority to support the capital improvement projects mentioned above and to maintain the existing and future park facilities to a high quality standard. Seeking grants and sponsorships must be done aggressively.

- The future Recreation Board must advocate and promote the social, economic, and environmental values and benefits of parks and recreation by reaching to the

- community and the region
- The Recreation Board must review proposing a dedicated millage for the funding of Parks & Recreation activities and park equipment
 - Review hiring Parks & Recreation Director (part time/full time)

Justification: This action is recommended for the sustainability of the Parks & Recreation department, the parks and their equipment.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

It is important for the Parks & Recreation Board to have a timeline to plan out their high priority improvements (short term) and the lower priority projects (long term). Each project has been referenced with a specific goal/objective, cost estimate and potential funding sources. In addition, a time frame for completion has been assigned. Short-term projects are recommended for completion within one to two years, medium-term within two to five years and long term projects make take longer to complete, within five to six years.

Table 13.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Obj.</u>	<u>\$ Estimate</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>
Maintain & Upgrade Existing Parks (ALL)	Install safety surfaces under structures	1	\$5,000-undetermined	GF/Parks/Grant	Short Term
	Install lighting and utility connections	1	\$5,000-undetermined	GF/Parks/Grant	Short/Mid Term
	Develop accessible routes at village parks	1	\$2,000 - undetermined	GF/Parks/Grant	Long Term
	Installation of shade trees and low maintenance landscaping at parks	2	\$1,000 - undetermined	GF/Parks	Mid Term
	Consistent use of park elements including picnic shelters, restrooms, benches, bike racks, light fixtures, signs and play equipment	1	To be determined	GF/Parks/Grant	Short Term/Long Term
	Install Informational kiosks	1	\$15,000+	Donations/Grants/GF	Short/Long Term
Improvements for Wolverine Park	Walkway loop around entire park	1	\$10,000-\$20,000	GF/Parks/Grant	Mid Term
	Pedestrian Bridge across River Raisin to Downtown	2	\$300,000+	GF/Parks/Grant	Long Term
	Develop Fishing pier along river/bridge	2	\$50,000+	GF/Parks/Grant	Long Term
	Construct restrooms	2	To be determined	GF/Parks/Grant	Mid Term
	Rehabilitate paved area into multi-purpose area for tennis court, ice skating rink, etc.	2	\$5,000+	GF/Parks/Grant	Mid Term
	Increase programing of family oriented community events such as additional festivals	1	To be determined	GF/Parks/Grant	Short Term

	Install fencing/rail for river safety	1	To be determined	GF/Parks/Grant	Long Term
Improvements for Waterworks Park	Remove existing structure and replace	1	\$20,000+	GF/Parks/Grant	Short Term
	Provide a picnic shelter	2	\$15,000	GF/Parks/Grant	Long Term
	Construct restroom	2	To be determined	GF/Parks/Grant	Long Term
	Walking pathway through park	1	To be determined	GF/Parks/Grant	Short Term
	Add parking area	2	To be determined	GF/Parks/Grant	Long Term
Improvements for Reggie's Park	Develop fitness/exercise trail around park	2	To be determined	GF/Parks/Grant	Long Term
	Study park layout for land optimization	2	\$5,000	GF/Parks/Grant	Short/Mid Term
Improvements for Westside Park	Replace existing wooden structure with new structure	1	\$20,000+	GF/Parks/Grant	Short Term
	Create pathway to structure	1	\$5,000	GF/Parks/Grant	Short Term
Improvements for Arbor Chase Park	Create pathway to structure	1	To be determined	GF/Parks/Grant	Long Term
Promote and Develop a continuous pathway system	Develop village pathway plan identifying priority segments, funding strategy	3	To be determined	GF/Parks/Grant	Mid Term
	Continue to work with Planning Commission and Village Council in review of proposals to ensure pathways are built in new developments	3	None	None Required	Short Term
	Install site amenities including benches, receptacles, bike racks, mile markers, signage	3	To be determined	GF/Parks/Grant	Mid Term
	Establish marketing strategy for pathway system	3	To be determined	GF/Parks/Grant	Long Term

Dedicate, acquire and develop future parkland	Acquire land for the development of neighborhood parks	4	To be determined	GF/Parks/Grant	Long Term
	Acquire land for the development of Splash Pad	4	\$150,000+	GF/Parks/Grant	Long Term
	Acquire land for the development of a Dog Park	4	To be determined	Grant	Long Term
	Acquire land West of US-23 for park development	4	To be determined	GF/Grant	Long Term
Maintain and Develop New Recreation Partnerships while improving funding and administration	Seek fundraising opportunities and potential grant seeking opportunities	5	N/A	N/A	Short/Long Term
	Increase coordination with service organizations, school and business partners	5	N/A	N/A	Short/Long Term
	Seek dedicated millage for Parks & Rec Funding	5	N/A	N/A	Short/Long Term
	Hire Parks & Rec Director	5	\$25,000+	N/A	Mid/Long Term
	Increase Indoor Recreational Programming	5	To be determined	GF/Parks/Grant	Short/Mid Term

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

The following implementation strategies are recommended in order to proceed as planned.

Apply for Federal Funding

At the federal level, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) funds Transportation Enhancements (TE) activities for community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the transportation infrastructure. To be eligible, a project must fall into one of the 12 TE activities and relate to surface transportation. Activities that may apply to Dundee include:

- *Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles:* includes new or reconstructed sidewalks, walkways, curb ramps, bike lane striping, wide paved shoulders, bike parking, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges, and underpasses as listed:
 - Paved shoulders (4) four or more feet wide,
 - Curb lane width greater than 12 feet,
 - Bike lanes,
 - Pedestrian crosswalks, sidewalks,
 - Shared use paths eight (8) feet wide or greater,
 - Path/trail user amenities,
 - Grade separations,
 - Bicycle parking facilities, and
 - Bicycle accommodations on public Transportation;
- *Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists:* programs designed to encourage walking and bicycling by providing potential users with education and safety instruction through classes, pamphlets, and signage.
- *Preservation, conversion, and use of abandoned railway corridors:* acquiring railroad rights-of-way; planning, designing and constructing multi-use trails; developing rail-with-trail projects; purchasing unused railroad property for reuse.

A minimum 20 percent local match is required for proposed projects and applications are accepted online on an on-going basis.

The Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program is a national movement to make it safe, convenient and fun for children to bicycle and walk to school. When routes are safe, walking or biking to and from school is an easy way to get the regular physical activity children need to succeed. In Michigan, the program is sponsored by the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and has gained momentum over the past few years. With the passage of the federal transportation legislation in 2005, Michigan's SR2S program will make schools eligible for transportation enhancement funds, providing for infrastructure improvements and education campaigns. The purpose of the program as defined in the federal legislation is:

- To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;
- To make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and
- To facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

The program authorizes \$612 million over the five (5) fiscal years beginning in 2005. The Michigan Department of Transportation estimates that Michigan's total apportionment over the five (5) years will be roughly \$19 million. Schools must be registered, attend a day long training session, and develop a Walking Audit in order to be eligible to apply. SR2S funding is 100% federal; no match is required. Seventy percent of the funding must be used for infrastructure projects, 10 percent for non-infrastructure projects, and 20 percent for either.

Apply for State Funding

At the state level, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) continue to be the primary funding sources for parkland acquisition and development.

The MNRTF provides funding for both the purchase of land for recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty and the development of land for public outdoor recreation use. Goals of the program are to:

- Protect natural resources and provide for their access, public use, and enjoyment;
- Provide public access to Michigan's water bodies, particularly the Great Lakes, and facilitate their recreation use;
- Meet regional, county, and community needs for outdoor recreation opportunities;
- Improve the opportunities for outdoor recreation in urban areas; and
- Stimulate Michigan's economy through recreation related tourism and community revitalization.

All proposals for grants must include a local match of at least 25 percent of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum for acquisition projects. For development projects, the minimum funding request is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$500,000. Applications are due in April and August for acquisition projects and April (only) for development projects

The LWCF is a federal appropriation to the National Park Service, who distributes funds to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for development of outdoor recreation facilities. The focus of the 2008 program was on trailway systems and other community recreation needs such as playgrounds, picnic areas, skate parks, ball fields, soccer fields, and walking paths. Minimum grant requests are \$30,000 and maximum grant requests are \$75,000. The match must be 50 percent of the total project cost. Applications deadline vary.

Other funding conducted in partnership with the MDNR is available through other state government divisions, such as the Fisheries Division (Inland Fisheries Grant Program) or the Forestry Division (Detroit Edison Tree Planting).

Apply for Other Funding

There are a variety of smaller grant programs available for the establishment of greenways/pathways or greenway-related facilities such as Bikes Belong Coalition. The Bikes Belong Coalition is sponsored by members of the American Bicycle Industry. Their mission is to put more people on bikes more often. The program funds projects in three categories: Facility, Education, and Capacity Building. Requests for funding can be up to \$10,000 for projects such as bike paths, trails, lanes, parking, and transit, and safe routes to school. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Increase Support for Parks

Public support for parks and recreation will be crucial in determining the level of services the Village will be able to provide in the future. A specific park or project millage over a limited period could be considered in the future for particular projects such as park development, pathway development or maintenance.

Seek other Sources for Funding

The Village should investigate additional sources of funding. Seeking donations, attracting sponsors, holding fund-raising events, and seeking out other revenue sources are methods that should be pursued aggressively to raise funding for parks and program improvements.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NOTICES OF DRAFT PLAN AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Availability of Draft Plan for Public Review

The Village of Dundee has prepared a draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan and will accept any comments on the plan until Monday October 21, 2013.

The plan, which will guide the future development of parks and recreation in the Village can be viewed online by visiting the www.dundeevillagemi.gov. A hard copy can also be viewed at the Village Hall, the Dundee Library and at the Old Mill Museum.

Your comments can be sent to Julius Suchy, Village Manager at 350 W. Monroe Street Dundee, MI 48131 or electronically to jsuchy@villageofdundee.net

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Dundee Village Council will hold a public hearing on the 2014-2018 Parks & Recreation Master Plan at 7 p.m., on Tuesday December 3, 2013 at Village Hall, 350 W. Monroe Street, Dundee MI 48131. The plan, which will guide the future development of parks and recreation in the area, can be viewed online by visiting www.dundeevillagemi.gov

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MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

DUNDEE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 3, 2013
MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Dundee Village Council was held December 3, 2013 at the Village Office Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Norris. Present were President Norris, Village Clerk Massingill, Village Manager Suchy, Trustee Maseman, Lazette, Rigel, and Bunch, absent Tr. Rohrbach. Also present was Village Police Chief David Uhl, Tanya Whitaker from the Independent Newspaper and five interested citizens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

It was moved by Tr. Rigel and supported by Tr. Bunch to approve the Agenda with a correction in items 7(b), change the year to read 2014. Roll Call: Tr. Maseman, Lazette, Rigel, Bunch, and President Norris - yea. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tr. Bunch and supported by Tr. Rigel to approve the November 19, 2013 Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes as printed. Roll Call: Tr. Maseman, Lazette, Rigel, Bunch, and President Norris – yea. Motion carried.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICAITONS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Resolution 2013-17: Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- (b) Request from John Moskwa with the Knights of Columbus of Dundee and Ida to use the Dundee Community Center Banquet Room without charge for a blood drive on Tuesday, February 18, 2013 from 11:30 –7:00 pm. (Year Correction 2014)

It was moved by Tr. Rigel and supported by Tr. Lazette to accept the Consent Agenda and place on file. Roll Call: Tr. Masemen, Lazette, Rigel, Bunch, and President Norris- yea. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC HEARING

- (a) A public hearing was opened at 7:05 pm. A discussion was held regarding the Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation New Master Plan for the years 2014-2018. There being no further discussion the hearing closed at 7:10 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) It was moved by Tr. Bunch and supported by Tr. Lazette to approve Resolution # 2013-17: Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Roll Call: Tr. Rigel, Bunch, Maseman, Lazette, Rigel, and President Norris – yea. Motion carried.

(b) It was moved by Tr. Rigel and supported by Tr. Bunch to advertise 116 Tecumseh Street for sale at a price of \$75,000.00. Roll Call: Tr. Bunch, Maseman, Lazette, Rigel, and President Norris – yea. Motion Carried.

(c) It was moved by Tr. Bunch and supported by Tr. Maseman to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$136,581.74. Roll Call: Bunch, Maseman, Lazette, and President Norris – yea. Motion carried.

Village Manager Suchy presented a written report to the council. The following items were highlighted. The roof at the Old Mill is under warranty with McDonald Roofing and they made roof repairs this past week. Manger Suchy has been asked to speak at the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce “State of the Communities” presentation. A discussion was held with Dundee Township Board regarding the Macon Street options. Addition information will be gathered before a decision is made. The base and top coat was completed on Washington Street with a small number of items to be completed. John Root was hired to fill the DPW position and will start on Monday December 9th.

A workshop will be held December 17th at 6:30 pm before the general council meeting to review the new lap top procedures. A reminder that December 12th is the cutoff date for letters of application for the open Village of Dundee Trustee position.

Tr. Bunch stated that a number of lights were out in the downtown area and questioned how it was being addressed. Manager Suchy stated that there was some confusion with DTE as to which lights were under their maintenance program or which is under the Village maintenance program. The confusion should be resolved this week.

Shirley Massingill reported that the Smithsonian “Journey Stories” Exhibit at the Old Mill Museum was a wonderful asset to the community which drew over two thousand visitor during the six weeks. Many of the visitors traveled a great distance to see the exhibit and complemented the community on the quality of the museum which is an asset to the community residence.

With no further business before the Council, the Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:22PM.

Village Clerk
Shirley Massingill

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Resolution from the Village of Dundee Parks & Recreation Committee

**Resolution
In Support of the Adoption of the
Village of Dundee Parks & Recreation Master Plan**

WHEREAS, the Village of Dundee Parks & Recreation Committee has updated their five-year parks and recreation plan which describes the community's physical and social characteristics, existing parks and recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve the parks and recreation facilities and programs during the period between 2014 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, the *Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan's* goals and objectives were developed in response to needs and deficiencies identified during public meetings and a community survey, as well as input received at public meetings from Village officials, Parks and Recreation Committee members, staff, and the public; and,

WHEREAS, the plan was made available for public review from September 16, 2013 to October 21, 2013 to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions and comment on all aspects of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Committee voted to recommend adoption of said *Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Committee hereby recommend adoption of the *Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan*.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Committee at a public meeting held on the 13th day of November, 2013.


Andrea Hickey, Parks & Recreation Committee Chair


Pat Rigel, Parks & Recreation Committee Secretary

VILLAGE COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Resolution from the Dundee Village Council

Resolution No. 2013-17 In Support of the Adoption of the Village of Dundee Parks & Recreation Master Plan

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WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee members reviewed the *Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan* at a public meeting held on November 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the plan was made available for public review from September 16, 2013 to October 21, 2013 and a public hearing was held at the Village Council meeting on December 3, 2013 to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions and comment on all aspects of the Master Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dundee Village Council hereby adopt the *Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan*.

Motion by: Trustee Bunch

Supported by: Trustee Lazette

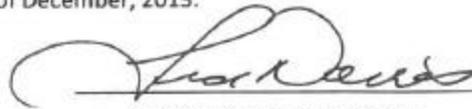
Votes in favor: 5

Votes opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 1

I hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Dundee Village Council at a public meeting held on the 3rd day of December, 2013.



Ted Norris, Village President



Shirley D. Massingill, Village Clerk

LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL



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December 12, 2013

SEMCOG
535 Griswold St
Suite 300
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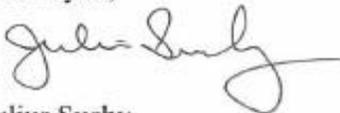
Dear SEMCOG,

The attached Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted by the Village Council at a meeting and public hearing held on December 3, 2013. The plan will be sent to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for their review and approval.

The plan will be subject to future review and updates as deemed necessary by the Village Council.

Please feel free to contact the Village of Dundee if you have any comments regarding this plan. The Grants Section requests that you copy any comments directly to them at: Grants, Management, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30425, Lansing, MI 48909-7925.

Thank you,



Julius Suchy
Village Manager



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December 12, 2013

Robert Peven, AICP, Director
Monroe County Planning Department
125 East Second St.
Monroe MI 48161

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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julius Suchy".

Julius Suchy
Village Manager

APPENDIX